

Request for Public Comment on Draft Fugitive Dust Risk Management Plan for Red Dog Mine

Teck Cominco has developed a draft Risk Management Plan for effective management of fugitive dust issues. The plan defines and will guide actions to minimize the potential for effects to human health and the environment from fugitive dust from the Red Dog operation, including the mine, road, and port. The draft plan lays out objectives to achieve this overall goal. It also defines the scope for preparation of individual implementation plans, expected to include: a Communication Plan, a Dust Emissions Reduction Plan, a Remediation Plan, a Monitoring Plan, an Uncertainty Reduction Plan, and a Worker Dust Protection Plan.

Although the plan is a voluntary effort, it covers multiple regulatory programs related to fugitive dust and includes planned efforts to address:

- Effects of fugitive dust identified in Teck Cominco's November 2007 Delong Mountain Transportation System Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment for areas surrounding the mine boundary, road, and port.
- Effects of fugitive dust within the mine's solid waste boundary, evaluated as part of the closure and reclamation planning process.
- Fugitive dust issues identified in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and Teck Cominco.
- Fugitive dust considerations identified in the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the Aqqaluk Pit Extension.

We encourage you to review and provide comments on this draft Risk Management Plan. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is currently seeking comments on portions of the plan related to effects identified in identified in the November 2007 DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment. Portions of the plan include monitoring of vegetation for metal concentrations, and for health of the vegetation community (see Sections 2.3.3.2 and 5.4.2.2 of the draft plan). Comments on other aspects of the plan are also welcome.

The public comment period begins September 1, 2008 and ends at 5:00 p.m. October 15, 2008. To make commenting easier, please send all comments to DEC's Contaminated Sites Program. The Program will share comments with other State of Alaska programs, such as DEC's air quality, water and solid waste programs, and Alaska Department of Natural Resources' Office of Project Management and Permitting. The Program will forward all comments to Teck Cominco. Please provide your comments to:

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A copy of the draft plan can be downloaded from the DEC website, at www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/csp/sites/reddog.htm. This website also includes background information and related documents, such as the DMTS fugitive dust risk assessment.

Information about the reclamation and closure planning efforts is located on the Alaska Department of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/reddog/. The MOU and related information and reports are located on the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation website at www.dec.state.ak.us/air/reddog.htm. Information about the supplemental environmental impact statement can be found at www.reddogseis.com/. Please also contact Mr. Sundet if you have problems with accessing or reviewing the draft report on DEC's home page.

The draft plan includes ideas, comments, and suggestions gathered during a risk management planning workshop held in March 2008 in Kotzebue.

Teck Cominco, in coordination with DEC, will also host informal open house meetings at Kivalina and Noatak to describe the risk management plan and gather input from residents. Teck Cominco will coordinate with local residents at Kivalina and Noatak to determine what times and locations will best accommodate those residents. Once the times and locations are arranged, Teck Cominco will provide notice of the meetings to residents of Kivalina and Noatak.

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