



PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

A statement of basis and associated documents are available for review. For inquiries or to request copies of documents, contact:

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Modification Public Notice Period: Start: April 24, 2020
End: May 26, 2020

Permit Number: AK0053643

Applicant: Fairbanks Gold Mining, Incorporated
1 Fort Knox Road
P.O. Box 73729
Fairbanks, AK 99707-3726

Project and Location:

Fort Knox Mine is owned and operated Fairbanks Gold Mining, Incorporated, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corporation. Fort Knox is an open pit gold mine located 25 miles northwest of Fairbanks, Alaska. Treated mine wastewater is discharged to the Old Fish Creek Channel, an ephemeral stream that flows into the constructed freshwater reservoir under APDES permit AK0053643. Based on outdated information, the current permit contains inaccurate flow restrictions. This modification revises flow restrictions contained in the permit based on the most current information.

Tentative Determination:

DEC has tentatively determined to modify a discharge permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments:

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the APDES permit modification must be submitted within 33 days of the issuance of this public notice. Please direct written comments and requests to the attention of Tim Pilon at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the modified permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern that are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Mailed comments and requests must be postmarked on or

before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEC will consider all comments when making the final decision, and will respond to received comments in a Response to Comments document issued when DEC issues a final permit. The Response to Comments will be made available to the public.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing whenever DEC finds, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. DEC may also hold a public hearing if a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in a permit decision or for other good reason in DEC's discretion.

DEC will transmit the modified permit, statement of basis, and Response to Comments to anyone who provided comments during the public review period or requested to be notified of DEC final decision.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING
May 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. ADT**

Administrative Record:

The APDES permit modification, statement of basis, permittee's modification request, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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If you would like further information or to see any additional supporting technical documents, contact Tim Pilon.

The documents are also accessible from the DEC website at:

<http://www.dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater.aspx>

To receive email notifications about the APDES Program, including when permits are available to review, follow the link below to join the APDES email list.

<http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/DEC-APDES/>

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