

Request for Public Comment on Draft Fugitive Dust Risk Management Monitoring and Remediation Plans for Red Dog Mine

Teck Alaska Incorporated (Teck) has developed a draft Risk Management Plan (RMP) for effective management of fugitive dust issues. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) approved of Teck's fugitive dust risk assessment report in December 2007 and requested that a RMP be submitted to address the risks identified in the risk assessment report. The draft RMP was public noticed by ADEC in September 2008. The risk assessment report, draft RMP and ADEC's comments regarding that plan are posted on ADEC's webpage at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/csp/sites/reddog.htm>. The RMP states that six implementation plans would be developed: Communication Plan; Dust Emissions Reduction Plan; Remediation Plan; Monitoring Plan; Uncertainty Reduction Plan; and a Worker Dust Protection Plan. The RMP 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. The Communication Plan was submitted to DEC and posted on its webpage but DEC did not request public comment on this plan because it did not involve major technical issues. However, Teck welcomes the public to comment on the Communication Plan, and has indicated that they will periodically update and improve upon that and other implementation plans.

At this time, DEC is requesting public comments on two draft implementation plans that address technical issues regarding findings of the risk assessment: the Monitoring Plan and the Remediation Plan.

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

- Effects of fugitive dust identified in Teck'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 DEC and Teck.
- 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 the draft Monitoring Plan and the draft Remediation Plan. DEC is currently seeking comments on portions of the two implementation plans related to effects identified in the November 2007 DMTS Fugitive Dust Risk Assessment. In the draft Monitoring Plan, these portions include monitoring of caribou and vegetation for metal concentrations, and monitoring of the health of the vegetation community (see Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the draft Monitoring Plan). Comments on other aspects of the Monitoring Plan are also welcome as well as for comments on any portion of the Remediation Plan.

The public comment period begins June 15, 2010 and ends at 5:00 p.m. August 2, 2010. 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. Please provide your comments to:

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A copy of the two draft plans 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.

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