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RE: Asa'carsarmiut Donlin Gold EIS Input

The Asa'carsarmiut Tribal Council during several council meetings with the final meeting on April 11, 2016 discussed the Donlin Gold EIS.

The council understands the need for more economic opportunities within our Great State of Alaska. However, the council believes it should not be at the risk of negatively impacting our lives, our health, our land, our culture and our subsistence way of life. There is no absolute assurance that the tailings dam will not break.

The impacts of climate change was our main reason of why we do not believe that the Donlin Gold project will always be safe. The storms that our region have been experiencing due to climate change have grown larger where major catastrophes could affect the mine and then the wind or water could transport the dangerous minerals within our region. The council also stated, the number of incidents regarding tailing mines have doubled, thus there is no sure way to feel safe that the Donlin Gold project should be open.

In addition, our council leaders have met with people living within the mine site and they have described that the mine would not benefit our land & culture, as we believe in respecting our lands and to disrupt it would go against our culture, especially for those people living closer to the mine site.

In closing, tailing mines fail, as described by experience from other people living within other mine areas. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself at the address and telephone number above. Good day to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Landlord".

James C. Landlord
First Chief

Cc: Calista Corporation Board of Directors
Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council
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