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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Donlin Gold draft EIS, CSP2 public comment addendum
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Dear Keith:

Although CSP2 has already submitted our public comments, I would like to add this note as an addendum.

Water Treatment Plant

The proposed water treatment plant intends to use "Greensand" as a critical component of contaminant removal. The only greensand mine in the US is in New Jersey. I heard yesterday that the mine was closing.

First, what evidence is there that Greensand can treat the Donlin mine wastewater in the intended manner? Has it been used at other mine sites or in other industrial applications at the same scale?

Second, please verify whether the New Jersey mine is closing. Please verify that there will be a source of material that will be able to supply the Donlin mine in the quantities required, particularly since the water treatment plant will need to operate in perpetuity. If Greensand is a resource that could be limited, this needs to be discussed in the EIS and alternative water treatment options (and costs) identified.

Thank you,

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"What we observe is not nature itself, but nature exposed to our method of questioning." -- Werner Heisenberg

"Is there any knowledge in the world which is so certain that no reasonable man could doubt it?" -- Bertrand Russell, 1912