

April 22, 2016

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Alaska District
CEPOA-RD-Gordon
P.O. Box 6898
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Re: Donlin Gold EIS

Dear Corps:

I am writing to express my support for the Donlin Gold mining project.

The Donlin Mine project will be as important to the Kuskokwim villages as Red Dog Mine has been to the villages in NW Arctic. It will provide high paying jobs year round so our Alaska Native youth will be inspired to graduate from high school seek training and be able to support families and enjoy a career in their local communities.

The owners are working closely with local residents to meet their needs. Donlin Gold is developing the mine in a responsible manner protecting the environment; along with bringing new energy sources (natural gas) to interior Alaska that will help everyone reduce the cost of living and reduce the reliance on diesel fuel.

The local villages are considering forming a borough if Donlin becomes an operating mine and this will provide a new source of local property tax to improve our infrastructure. Kuspuk School District is in need of new and/or remodeled schools to protect the health of students, staff and parents, as well as improve academic learning. Many schools are currently facing closure due to low enrollment. If this mine is not developed people will continue to leave the region to pursue jobs elsewhere. A new regional training center could be built in Aniak if this mine is permitted.

As a life-long Alaskan (62 years) I support this mine and hope the mine is permitted!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Karen Ziemplak Doyle".

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