

**From:** [Craig, Bill](#)  
**To:** [Evans, Jessica](#); [Bellion, Tara](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Donlin Extension Request  
**Date:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 8:30:47 AM  
**Attachments:** [Extension Request.pdf](#)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gordon, Keith POA [<mailto:Keith.Q.Gordon@usace.army.mil>]  
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 8:04 AM  
To: Craig, Bill  
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Donlin Extension Request

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From: Bonnie Gestring [<mailto:bgestring@earthworksaction.org>]  
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 7:36 AM  
To: Gordon, Keith POA <[Keith.Q.Gordon@usace.army.mil](mailto:Keith.Q.Gordon@usace.army.mil)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Donlin Extension Request

Mr Gordon:

Please see the attached letter requesting an extension of the comment period for the proposed Donlin Mine.

Regards  
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April 14, 2016

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Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am writing on behalf of Earthworks, a national non-profit organization dedicated to protecting communities and the environment against the adverse effects of mineral development. We request a six-month extension of the April 30, 2016 deadline to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the Donlin Gold Project.

We fully support the requests of local communities (e.g. Native Village of Napaimute, City of Bethel) and organizations (e.g. Northern Alaska Environmental Center and Earth Justice), who have also submitted requests for a six-month extension on the public comment period for the DEIS.

We believe that our requests are warranted in order to ensure full and meaningful public involvement, especially in light of the magnitude of the proposed project as well as the length and complexity of the DEIS. The proposed project will have significant effects on the environment and public health. Therefore, it is crucial to provide the public sufficient time to thoroughly review and develop informed opinions concerning the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please acknowledge receipt and indicate the timing for a decision about our request for an extension.

Sincerely,

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