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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Does the Draft Environmental Impact Statement consider the very real risks of a tailings dam failure, which would be catastrophic for the area?Please ensure Multinational Mining Corporations DO NO Harm to: Fisheries, Health, and Communities
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Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 8:22 AM
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Jon,

Please see MS. Hartshorn-Anderson's attached DEIS comment.

Ms. Hartshorn-Anderson,

You can review the document at: <http://donlingoldeis.com/>

It's under the EIS documents tab.

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From: Ruth Hartshorn-Anderson [<mailto:logs4mom@yahoo.com>]
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Is it possible to review a copy of the draft eis document?

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Thx, Ruth Anderson

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Article on web:

Say No to Donlin Gold! Don't Let Multinational Mining Corporations Harm Fisheries, Health, and Communities of the Kuskokwim River

If developed, Donlin Gold Mine would be one of the largest gold mines in the world, and it would have extensive and permanent effects on the environment and communities along the Kuskokwim River. These are just a few of the environmental and social concerns about the proposed Donlin Mine:

- The potentially devastating impacts of mercury and arsenic contamination in the Kuskokwim River as well as acid mine drainage.
- The mine pit would eventually be filled with water and would require water treatment in perpetuity.
- The threat to subsistence food sources, commercial salmon fisheries, wildlife, and people
- Even with protective measures in place, it is estimated that the mine would emit hundreds of pounds of mercury per year into the atmosphere and watershed during the processing of the ore.
- The proposed 464-foot high tailings dam for the Donlin mine would be the highest tailings dam in the state. A dam failure would release large quantities of harmful contaminants into the Kuskokwim River, which supports the largest Chinook salmon subsistence fishery in the state.

As one community member testified: **“Our subsistence way of life is our culture. That is the pulse of the people of the Kuskokwim...That is so invaluable you can't put a number on it... It's a short-term gratification with a significant long-term risk.”**

The impacts of a potential tailings dam failure have not been considered by the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, while the catastrophic Mount Polley tailings dam failure and the Bento Rodrigues dam disaster in Brazil last year demonstrate the very real dangers facing the region. To not consider the impacts of these worst-case scenarios is irresponsible and could have catastrophic impacts.

Please take action today to protect the health of our communities and future generations!

Thank you for your support!



Donlin Gold will have harmful, potentially devastating long-term impacts to the people of the Kuskokwim region. Development of the Donlin Gold Mine Project is not worth the risk to subsistence uses, health, and safety of people and communities. Furthermore, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement does not consider the very real risks of a tailings dam failure, which would be catastrophic for the area. Consequently, I oppose the Donlin Gold Mine Project.