

From: [Brandon Calcaterra](#)
To: [donlingoldeis, POA](#)
Cc: [Joey Merrick](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Donlin Gold Draft EIS comment
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:11:39 PM
Attachments: [Donlin Gold Army Engineers EIS .pdf](#)

Please see our attached comment regarding the Donlin Gold Project.

Thank you,

Brandon Calcaterra

[Business Representative](#)

[Laborers' Local 341](#)

Direct: (907) 341-0306

Main: (907) 341-0341

Fax: (907) 341-0342



LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL 341

2501 Commercial Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501
Phone (907) 341-0341 Fax (907) 341-0342
www.local341.com



May 31, 2016

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Alaska District
CEPOA-RD-Gordon
P.O. Box 6898
JBER, AK 99506-0898

RE: Laborers' Local 341's favorable support for the Donlin Gold project

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Laborers' Local 341 and its more than 2,200 members, I write in support of the Donlin Gold project.

During this uncertain economic times that Alaska is facing, a project like this would provide a significant and positive impact in the region and throughout the State. Approximately 3,000 high paying jobs during the four years of construction would be created and between 600-1,200 jobs for the remaining 27.5 years of the mine would be to support the project. These are direct employment numbers, many additional indirect business opportunities are anticipated in areas such as logistics, transportation, training, education and healthcare.

Donlin Gold has conducted extensive studies to develop an environmentally and socially responsible gold mine project. The proposed pipeline in Alternative 2 minimizes any impacts to the Iditarod National Historic Trail with no impacts to the actual Iditarod Sled Dog race. Also, the construction would be sensitive to the timing of the Iditarod and Iron Dog races as well as hunting season.

I hope you consider the benefits for the State and the economic impacts through lower cost energy options to the region with the Donlin Gold project and approve it moving forward.

Sincerely,

A.J. "Joey" Merrick II
Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Laborers' Local 341