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From: Shari Neth [<mailto:shari.neth@gmail.com>]
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I have attended two draft EIS meetings in Bethel, and I am greatly concerned about the effects of climate change on the current plans, and the environmental impact the Donlin Gold mine would have on the Kuskokwim watershed and our region of southwest Alaska. I would recommend Alternative #1: No action. Donlin Gold needs to JUST WAIT until energy and mining technology catch up to the demands of environmental protection, to preserve the natural subsistence infrastructure for generations to come. The gold is there. Focus on and invest in developing safe, alternative mining and transportation technology. The current plans which depend on natural gas, fuel, and the Kuskokwim River to get supplies to the mine are very costly and questionable, doing things the way they've been done in the past, rather than being futuristic. Get on board with cooperatives such as AVEC and work together to develop an energy infrastructure that would not only benefit the mine, but villages up and down the Kuskokwim, as well, and not contribute to global warming. Be forward-thinking. Develop and patent new mining technologies that lessen environmental impact and safeguard against "accidents" and retaining wall failures for centuries, not just sixty-five years. Develop mining techniques that don't require the release of toxins into the air and water.

Furthermore, climate change has brought us warmer winters and VERY LITTLE SNOW. This means the water level of the Kuskokwim is dropping, and current supply and fuel hauling plans are questionable. I also wonder how Donlin's demands for natural gas would affect the gas supply to residents of Anchorage and surrounding areas.

In conclusion, I recommend Alternative #1: No action.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sharon M. Neth