

**From:** [Craig, Bill](#)  
**To:** [Bellion, Tara](#); [Evans, Jessica](#); [Smith, Neal](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Donlin DEIS  
**Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 8:07:50 AM

---

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

From: donlingoldeis, POA [<mailto:POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil>]  
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 7:58 AM  
To: Craig, Bill  
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Donlin DEIS

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

From: John Shively [<mailto:jtshively@att.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 4:10 PM  
To: donlingoldeis, POA <[POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil](mailto:POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Donlin DEIS

I write in support of Alternative 2 as proposed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Donlin Gold Project (Donlin). Donlin is a very important project for the state of Alaska, and, more particularly for the people of the Calista region. The Yukon Kuskokwim Delta suffers from extremely high unemployment and this project will bring much need jobs to the area.

The construction period will provide about 3,000 jobs and the operations phase will create between 600 and 1200 good paying jobs. It is estimated that these jobs will last for almost three decades given what is currently known about the resource in the area. However, experience with similar mines around the world shows that the resource often expands over time with addition exploration, so the jobs will likely last much longer. It is important to note that these are some of the best paying jobs in Alaska and will likely average around \$100,000 per year.

An important aspect of Donlin is that it is on lands owned by Alaska Native Corporations, so the project will bring some direct economic benefits to the shareholders of those corporations. In addition, because of the provisions of Section 7(i) and 7(j) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the royalties from the project will be shared throughout the state of Alaska.

I would also like to point out that the project proposes to bring natural gas to the region. Rural Alaska has the highest energy costs in the nation. The expansion of the gasline infrastructure to other parts of the region could substantially reduce those high costs, thus improving the standard of living throughout the area.

In conclusion, I urge you to adopt Alternative 2 as described in the DEIS and to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely yours,

John Shively

2301 Loren Circle

Anchorage, AK 99516

Email: [jtshively@att.net](mailto:jtshively@att.net)