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My understanding is that (in all scenarios) once the mine is closed/shut down the waste materials (i.e. heavy metals, and other toxic chemicals) will continue to be the responsibility of the people of the state of Alaska in perpetuity. The contaminants would be at the head of a watershed and would jeopardize the health of water dependent resources downstream of the mine area if containment measures failed.

The risks to renewable state resources are not worth the short term gains. It wouldn't be sound management.