

Donlin Gold Project EIS

Emmonak Scoping Meeting
City Complex Bingo Hall
Wednesday, March 14, 2013, 6:00 pm

Attendance:

About 6 people attended the scoping meeting for the Donlin Gold Project EIS held in Emmonak, Alaska on March 14, 2013. Don Kuhle with the Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency, presented an overview of the proposed Donlin Gold Mine EIS Project. Cooperating agencies in attendance were ADNR and ADHSS.

Issues Raised:

This is a brief summary of issues and comments. A complete Scoping Report with meeting transcripts and detailed analysis of all comments will be issued in May 2013.

- When we first heard about the Donlin Gold Project, people stated that it would not have an effect on the Yukon area. Contaminants like mercury falling in our area will most certainly have an effect in our area.
- We have natural gas in our region. They could have gotten natural gas from our region, as it is a lot closer than Cook Inlet.
- We emphasize good paying jobs locally. Donlin Gold would provide an opportunity to work in our region.
- We have read about the Kuskokwim River, so we know the rock has a lot of mercury in it and that people are very concerned about contamination.
- Our Corporation got involved in mining exploration years ago, but has since stopped.
- Fishing industry was very good years ago and has since collapsed. It is slowly coming back; it is like we are starting over again.
- Donlin Gold used to come here for meetings but we haven't heard from them lately. Lots of meetings have been held on the Kuskokwim River and none or hardly any in our region. We feel like we are being left out.
- It would be good to have meetings the first week of June before fishing season starts. Will have better turnout for the meetings.
- What are the effects on the Iditarod Trail? The race is known worldwide. Although it is not a concern here because it does not go near our villages, the impacts should be addressed.
- How will the natural gas pipeline affect the Iditarod Trail?
- Air quality is a concern in our area. How will it affect our area?