

# Donlin Gold Project EIS - Overview

## Environmental Impact Statement Required

In July 2012, Donlin Gold LLC submitted wet-land permit applications to the US Army Corps of Engineers, triggering the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS.

Permit applications to other agencies are pending.

## The Proposed Project

For 16 years, Donlin Gold LLC, a joint venture of Barrick Gold and NovaGold, has explored the Donlin gold deposit. The company has performed:

- Environmental & cultural studies
- Natural gas pipeline & power studies
- Engineering & feasibility studies

If permitted, mining would occur under lease agreements with:

- Calista Corporation - subsurface
- The Kuskokwim Corporation - surface

There is currently no road or rail access to the site, nor an existing power supply. The project would have a total footprint of about 16,300 acres, of which, about 6,000 acres are for the pipeline.

## Agencies

The Corps is the lead federal agency for this EIS. The Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and the State of Alaska will serve as cooperating agencies in developing the EIS.

The federally recognized Tribal governments of Crooked Creek, Chuathbaluk, and Napaimute, and the Kuskokwim River Watershed Council also plan to serve as cooperating agencies.



## Major Permits

Many different permits, from many different federal and state agencies, would be required for the proposed project. Here is a short list of some of the major permits that would be necessary:

*From agencies partnering in the EIS process:*



US Army Corps of Engineers  
Clean Water Act Section 404  
Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10



Bureau of Land Management  
Rights of Way



Environmental Protection Agency  
Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Quality Review



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation



Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration  
Pipeline Special Permit



State of Alaska

**Alaska Department of Natural Resources:** Rights of Way; Water Rights; Dam Safety Certification; Reclamation Plan Approval & Bonding

**Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation:** Air Quality Permit; Wastewater Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit; Integrated Waste Permit & Bonding

**Alaska Department of Fish & Game:** Fish Habitat Permits

*From other agencies:*

**National Marine Fisheries Service:** Essential Fish Habitat Consultation; Endangered Species Act Consultation

## Get Involved

We need your input. Your comments, questions, concerns, and ideas are important.

You can get involved by:

- Participating in a public meeting
- Submitting comments online
- Offering written comments at a meeting or by mail

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