

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Coeur Alaska  
3031 Clinton Drive, Suite 202  
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Attention: Kevin Eppers

Re: Extension of the Kensington Gold Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Eppers:

The Division of Mining, Land & Water issued a Reclamation Plan Approval for the Kensington Gold Mine Project for a six-year period from June 3, 2005 to June 3, 2011, as extended.

The 2011 Reclamation and Closure Plan Update for the Kensington Gold Project was provided to the agencies on May 3, 2011. Consolidated state agency comments were provided to Coeur on August 4th and Coeur provided a response to these comments on December 20, 2011.

Under Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 97.320, the reclamation plan may be approved for any term not to exceed 10 years. The term of the reclamation plan approval was for six years. Coeur Alaska submitted an application to renew the reclamation plan in a timely manner and continues to work with the agencies on the revision of the plan and cost estimate. Therefore, the Division of Mining, Land & Water hereby extends the Kensington Gold Mine Project Reclamation Plan Approval through December 31, 2012 to allow for completion of the current agency review process associated with the renewal of this reclamation plan.

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of issuance of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; faxed to 907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to superior court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

*"To responsibly develop Alaska's resources by making them available for maximum use and benefit consistent with the public interest."*

If this office can be of any additional service, please do not hesitate to contact David Wilfong at (907) 465-3404.

Sincerely,



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