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File No.: 121.62.002

Subject: Renewal of Waste Management Permit #0131-BA002 for Pogo Mine

Dear Mr. Davey:

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) understands that Teck Pogo, Inc. (Teck) seeks renewal of Waste Management Permit No. 0131-BA002, which expires on December 18, 2008, for the disposal of tails and other wastes at the Pogo Mine. Discussions of this permit renewal process have been ongoing with the Large Mine Permitting Team during 2008. Your letter dated November 12, 2008 requested a renewed permit based on a Plan of Operations that is currently being amended to incorporate new and changed hydrologic information. ADEC considers that submittal along with a previously submitted revised Draft Reclamation and Closure Plan with an updated closure cost model as satisfying the requirement for a timely application to renewal this permit. ADEC administratively continues Permit No. 0131-BA002 under AS 46.03.110 and 18 AAC 15.110.

Pete McGee and Tim Pilon from the Wastewater Discharge Program of the Water Division will continue to work closely with Teck completing the permit renewal process in the near future. I understand that Teck will complete the application by submitting updated versions of the Plan of Operations, Monitoring Plan, Description of Facilities, and Quality Assurance Project Plan during the second quarter of 2009. We appreciate Teck's cooperation during this renewal process.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to call Tim Pilon at (907) 451-2136 or Pete McGee at (907) 451-2141.

Sincerely,


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