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Subject: Manh Choh Comments

My name is Dana Mock and I live in Delta Junction Community. I have reviewed the Reclamation and Closure Plan and Waste Management Plan for Manh Choh and encourage you to approve it. I'm writing this letter in support of Peak Gold's Closure and Reclamation Plan and Waste Management Plan for Manh Choh. The plan they have developed is economically and environmentally responsible and they will return the land looking very similar to how it looks today.

Mine operator Kinross is a responsible miner who has diligently listened to the residents of Tetlin, Tok, and Delta Junction area along with the surrounding communities. They have purchased local goods and services and hired Alaskans wherever they can. They have helped train people for the very high-paying jobs the mine creates. Good paying jobs will help us build a stronger community, improve our schools, and provide additional employment opportunities for our community members. With the 100 to 200 construction jobs and 400 to 600 mine operation jobs comes training, internships, and scholarships for our young people. Kinross is currently working with local leaders, community members, and non-profits supporting these communities as well embracing a corporate social responsibility to these communities.

This project is exactly what we need to get Alaska and our young people trained for careers in transportation, construction, mining, and business. I encourage you to approve this plan so we can put our folks to work. As I wrote this letter I thought about where Fort Greely during and post the time of BRAC and what happened to the Delta Junction community after Missile Defense arrived. If you think about what Fort Greely has done for the Delta Junction community since then, imaging what this opportunity can do for our community if approved. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Respectfully,

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