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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your permitting proposal of the Man Cho gold mine project. I have a number of concerns that I do not believe DNR has adequately addressed. They are as follows:

1. The management of water quality has not been adequately addressed. You say that it will be monitored for five years after the mine closes. However, the possibility of heavy metal leaching will continue forever. Five years seems to be a meaningless amount of time in this situation.
2. The ore is slated to be trucked to the Fort Knox mine which does not have a permit for managing these kinds of ores. The waste from these ores should be monitored for leaching of heavy metals and the acid-generation that causes it. At this point, with no plan that I can find, Fort Knox should not be allowed to process the ore.
3. The proposed transportation corridor has received a huge amount of protest from the Fairbanks North Pole communities, including opposition from all three governing bodies. And yet, the permit does not address that issue. Negligence is a mild description of this omission.

Overall, I believe this permit should be withdrawn and the work by DNR completely redone so that, at a minimum, the issues I have pointed out are taken into consideration and, instead of a predisposition to favor the mine, the interests of the people who live in the impacted areas are adequately addressed.

Sincerely,
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