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ADEC and ADNR -

I strongly oppose the permitting of the Manh Choh on-site reclamation and waste management plans of Peak Gold as submitted. I believe that the current on-site permit applications ignore the larger impact this mining plan will have along the entire corridor to the Ft Knox mill site on the state of Alaska, its flora, fauna and human population. For the state DEC and DNR offices to allow this piecemeal approach to permitting that Peak Gold is currently moving forward with is a disservice to all Alaskans. Even the western region USEPA, in their February 11, 2022 letter to the Corps of Engineer's Greg Mazer, urged both the Corps and state agencies to take a holistic view of this project and consider the cumulative impacts of the mining, transport and milling of the ore across the region affected in Peak Gold's proposal. In their words, "...this project would greatly benefit from a more thorough review of the facility's Plan of Operations, including construction and operation, and an ore transportation plan. Such a review would allow for a more accurate characterization of the direct, secondary, and cumulative impacts occurring within and nearby the proposed project area." (Amy Jensen 2/11/2022 letter to Corps of Engineers Greg Mazer, USEAP Regional Wetland Coordinator).

There is no rush to approve these application, and to do so without requiring a complete EIS of the full project, from the mine, along the truck route and to the mill, is not in the service to Alaska. Please reconsider these approvals.

Thank you,
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