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The Manh Choh project will be devastating to the Interior region of Alaska. Air pollution, noise pollution, unsafe highway driving conditions and road degradation are the most obvious drawback. But they are glaringly obvious to all but the current administration, which obviously values pleasing foreign mining interests over the safety and welfare of Alaskan citizens. Alaska will gain virtually nothing (mining contributes only a tiny fraction of its profits), will lose much in terms of personal and environmental health (and tourism)—and guess who will end up paying for the messes...certainly not the mining industry! Focusing on waste management at the proposed open mine pit itself comes nowhere near to providing an adequate look at the impact of this proposed travesty on the entire transportation corridor.

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