

## Greg Pacetti

My name is Greg Pacetti (1381 Spring Glade Rd, Fairbanks, Ak 99709). I have lived in Fairbanks since 1987. I am writing with strong opposition to issuing permits to the Manh Choh Mining company for a #1- a Waste Management permit by ADED as well as #2- a Mine Reclamation Plan permit by ADNR. Before any permits are issued, there needs to be a complete Environmental Impact Study done for the entire route and project from Tetlin to Ft Knox. In addition, there needs to be a thorough environmental assessment by the DNR to determine if mixing the ore tailings from Manh Choh with the non-acid tailings at Ft Knox will require a review of Fort Knox closure plans. This project is being pushed too quickly through the permitting process with not enough study done to assure the residents that it will be safe both for the environment and the residents themselves. Accidents and spills are inevitable. The tailings from Manh Choh Mine are potentially hazardous to our waterways, animals and aquatic life. I am appalled that a complete EIS has not been done by the agencies that are meant to protect all concerned. As it stands, I am strongly opposed to the mining plan and call for more study.

In addition, the Kinross company **MUST** assure the state and residents that it will assume all mitigation costs throughout the project, all along the route and at the mining sites.

I am asking that the permitting process be slowed down so that more time can be given to the investigation of these issues and most importantly so that a complete EIS can be conducted for the whole route before any permits are issued.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. I would appreciate a response at your convenience.

Thank You

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