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I am writing to ask that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be completed, including the entire transportation route from Tetlin to Ft. Knox prior to the possible issuance of any permit. The hauled ore is potentially acid generating (producing sulfuric acid when exposed to oxygen) and mineral-leaching. Dust blowing off haul trucks can be toxic to animals, aquatic life and waterways.

The EIS and any related studies must address the probability of truck crashes, ore spills, spent tires and garbage left along the corridor, and include an assessment of potential spill cleanup along the transportation route. Manh Choh solid wastes will apparently go to Tok, Delta Junction, Fairbanks and/or Glenallen, according to the Manh Choh Solid Waste Management Plan, Revision 1, January 2023.

I ask for this permitting process to include a public hearing and additional time to review all the records. From what is available now, I object to this permit.

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