William Bieber

Please accept my letter of support for the Manh Choh permit No. 2023DB0001

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TO:

Who it May Concern

FROM:

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RE:

Manh Choh Comments on draft Reclamation Plan Approval (F20232626RPA) and draft

Waste Management Permit No. 2023DB0001

My name is William Bieber and I live in Soldotna Alaska but I work very closely with the residence of the Tetlin and Tok areas. I have reviewed the Reclamation and Closure Plan and Waste Management Plan for Manh Choh and encourage you to approve it. It is through and complete and well thought out. I understand that the communities were involved with consultation and the parties involved were in agreement.

As I understand it an in depth consultation with the landowners that calls for sufficient financial assurance to cover virtually any unanticipated event was conducted. The mine operator Kinross is a responsible miner and has operated in Alaska for MANY YEARS RESPONSIBILITY! The company has been very active in the communities who has diligently listened to the residents of Tetlin and Tok, along with the surrounding communities.

The Kinross Company has purchased local goods and services and has hired local Alaskans wherever they can. They are very active in training the local people for the very high-paying jobs associated with the mine. This mine will be a huge benefit to the community in both economic and social benefits by providing the highly compensated employment opportunities that the communities have so desperately needed.

Thank you for your consideration and I strongly support the issuing of the permits.

William H. Biebel

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