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To all concerned, and thank you: These comments are for both Draft Waste management Permit 2023DB0001 and Draft Reclamation Plan Approval F20232626RPA

I strongly object to any mining permits being issued by the state of Alaska for Manh Choh. The 250 mile corridor is in fact a part of the mine and begs for an EIS. The PAG and ML rock with exceptionally high levels of arsenic to be transported over public highways makes this ore haul industrial, not commercial, and must have an EIS. The EPA refers to this mine as a "Federal Level mine", and is yet another reason for an EIS. The application is missing any thought to the trucking and waste disposal, and therefore should be regarded as incomplete. On a multitude of legal grounds, many of which have been previously submitted and are now before you, the permits should and must be denied. There is the serious question that the applicant is even the correct applicant and likely is not registered to do business in and with the State of Alaska.

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