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Submitted via email at dnr.permitting.regulation@alaska.gov

Re: Comments on Department Miscellaneous Land Use Regulations Revisions

Dear Mr. Joyner:

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) writes to provide comments on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposed miscellaneous land use regulations revision 11 AAC 96.020(a)(5)(A).

AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,400 members that come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Our members include individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, vendors, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies. We look for and produce gold, silver, platinum, molybdenum, lead, zinc, copper, coal, limestone, sand and gravel, crushed stone, armor rock, and other materials.

AMA is appreciative of the effort undertaken by DNR to correct an error made in the previous version of these regulatory revisions in late 2018. This revision provides regulatory clarity to the permitting requirements Alaska's miners meet while performing activities related to exploration and development of mining operations. Clarity in regulations is always beneficial to industry sectors, stakeholders, and all Alaskans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for the efforts performed on behalf of DNR.

Sincerely,

Deantha Crockett
Executive Director