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Dear Miner:

Attached you will find the **2013 Annual Hardrock Exploration, Placer Mining, or Suction Dredge Application renewal forms**. Some are pertinent to your continuing multi-year operation. As always we encourage you to submit them early. This letter contains important information pertaining to your application. Please review this information carefully and **indicate any change of address**.

Multi-Year Renewal Requirements:

For those miners who have a multi-year application, the following forms need to be submitted annually:

1. Signed Reclamation Plan with signature for either hard rock, suction dredge or placer,
2. Signed Bond renewal form with appropriate fees (if applicable),
3. Signed Reclamation statement for either hard rock, suction dredge or placer

2012 applicants whose proposed operations involved a total disturbance of less than five acres, are required to submit an Annual Reclamation Statement, whether or not activity took place in 2012. (AS 27.19.050(c)).

For activity involving cross-country access of equipment, you are advised to submit the application by December 31, 2012 if possible.

Suction Dredging:

Effective October 31, 2010, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) assumed permitting authority from EPA; therefore, any EPA related questions must now be directed toward DEC.

Suction dredgers with an intake nozzle size less than 10 inches may use the Suction Dredging APMA to act as an NOI/Application for the Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) Suction Dredge General Permit. Suction dredgers with an intake nozzle greater than 10 inches must submit a separate application to DEC well in advance of their intended "start-up" date. Please contact Nick Dallman by phone at (907) 451-2142, or email at nicholas.dallman@alaska.gov.

Suction dredges may require authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Also, a USACE permit may be required for any mining activity utilizing mechanized equipment on "waterways" or "wetlands", or access across waterways or wetlands. The APMA may act as an application for the USACE General Permits for Suction Dredging and Placer Mining in Alaska. Please contact Leslie Tose at 1-800-478-2712 (within Alaska) or (907) 753-5515.

Department of Revenue, Mining License Requirements:

The Department of Revenue (DOR) issues mining licenses on an annual basis for the period of May 1 through April 30. A current license holder can renew their mining license by checking the renewal box on the 2012 Mining License Tax Return. A Mining License Application (MLA) is not required if one was filed with DOR in 2012.

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Lessees and operators of a new mining operation that are in the development or production phase are required to file a Mining License Application (MLA) with DOR. Owners are required to file a MLA once the property enters the production phase. Please contact Sarah Wilson at 907-269-1017 for further information. Forms can be found online at www.tax.alaska.gov.

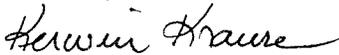
Notice of Mining Activity:

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) requires that all mining operations file notice of legal identity. Section 3(h)(1) of the Act defines the term "mine" and includes related milling operations within that definition. Mine development, rehabilitation activities, and exploration work at an established mine are within the Act's scope. All types of mining, including placer, suction dredge, and hydraulic operations must be inspected.

Government owned or operated mines and mills, whether federal, state, county, or other, are included within the jurisdiction of the Act. All such operations located anywhere in the United States, as well as in any of its territories, protectorates, or commonwealths, must be inspected. Applications for Legal Identity can be obtained at the local field office or can be filed online at www.msha.gov. Please contact the Anchorage, AK field office at (907) 271-1250 for more information and assistance.

If assistance is required concerning your application, please contact one of our offices – Anchorage (907) 269-8647 or (907) 269-5916, or Fairbanks (907) 451-2774 or (907) 458-6896. Applications and related forms are posted on our web page at www.dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/forms

Sincerely,



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