

## Donlin Gold Project EIS

Sleetmute Meeting  
June 29, 2015  
Tribal Hall  
Sleetmute, Alaska

## Project Team Attendees:

Donne Fleagle, AECOM  
Mercedes Thomas, AECOM

## Community Members:

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Kristyn Gregory  
Marjorie Mellick  
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Ollie Pepperling  
Cheryl Sakar  
Jennie Zaukar



*Mercedes Thomas, Jennie Zaukar*

## Overview:

Under the guidance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Donne Fleagle, Senior Specialist for Rural Community Engagement gave the Donlin Gold Project EIS presentation on Monday, June 29, 2015, in Sleetmute, Alaska at the Tribal Hall. She was assisted by Intern Mercedes Thomas.

The Corps' presentation included a summary of the project components; an overview of the EIS process; a synthesis of the scoping comments; the process for developing alternatives; the TEK workshops, results of the fish studies conducted during summer 2014, and contact information for the Corps.

## Issues Raised:

Question: Will workers at the Donlin Mine get health and retirement benefits?

Response: This is a question that is outside the EIS however Donlin has said yes. As you know, today industry usually designs benefits where the employee and employer share costs.

Question: Why is Donlin training people now when the mine is several years away from opening up?

Response: This question is outside the EIS scope however, Donlin has told villages that the proposed project will require a lot of workers in various fields and they have also repeatedly said that they want to hire as many residents of the region as possible.

Question: How many barge trips will there be in a year?

Response: During operations, there would be 122 round-trips per year in a 110 day window.

Question: How long will it be after the mine closes before the land returns to its original topography and state?

Response: There will be reclamation and revegetation done after closure. The topography will never return to its original form, particularly because the mining pit will become a large pit lake forever.



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