



## 2024 APPLICATION FOR PERMITS TO MINE IN ALASKA

Dear Miner:

Attached to this letter you will find the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 2024 Application for Permits to Mine in Alaska (APMA) packet. This packet is applicable to placer mining, hardrock exploration, and suction dredging operations. Miners are encouraged to submit your application early, as applications are processed in the order that they are received. **Please note that processing times are increased during the summer operating season.** Also, miners who are requesting cross country travel authorizations should submit their application at least 60-90 days before the planned travel. *Please be sure to thoroughly read the attachments to this letter to ensure you understand the application process and your responsibilities with permitting and non-permitting agencies. If assistance is needed, please feel free to contact our office listed above.*

### Processing Fees:

The annual application fees have changed and are described in the Fees Section of the application. Other state agencies such as the Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Fish & Game may require additional fees for permits or authorizations.

### Multi-Year Renewal Requirements:

For miners applying for a multi-year permit, the following forms still need to be submitted annually:

1. Signed Bond Renewal form with appropriate fees (if applicable), due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Signed Reclamation Plan or Letter of Intent to Reclaim, due December 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. Signed Reclamation Statement, due December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Keep in mind that other permits, such as DEC's Wastewater Discharge authorizations, Mining Tax License, Land Use Permits or US Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands permits, may have expiration dates separate from the DNR multi-year permit expiration date. Miners should be aware of expiration dates on these other permits.

### Reclamation Statement: Due December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

As a reminder, applicants are required to file an Annual Reclamation Statement by December 31, 2024, to keep their small miners' exemption from bonding requirements or to satisfy the reporting requirements of their previous reclamation plan. This annual statement is due December 31<sup>st</sup> of every year whether or not activity took place for existing permittees.

### Submit completed application and appropriate fee(s) to the following DNR office:

DNR Division of Mining, Land & Water  
3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699  
Phone: (907) 451-2736 Fax: (907) 451-2703  
[dnr.fbx.mining@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.fbx.mining@alaska.gov)

Sincerely,  
DNR Mine Permitting Staff

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**Application for Permits to Mine in Alaska (APMA),**  
**For Placer Mining, Suction Dredging, and Hardrock Exploration**

Generally, to conduct such activities in the State of Alaska, permits and licenses may be needed from several State and Federal agencies. For convenience, your APMA will be initially reviewed for completeness by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and then distributed to the other agencies that utilize the APMA as the application form from which they issue their respective permits.

**This application should satisfy the requirements to obtain permits and approvals from the following State government agencies; however, additional information may be required.**

**DNR Division of Mining, Land & Water (DMLW), Mining Section (DNR-Mining)**

On State Mining claims, Prospecting Sites, or the Nome Public Mining Areas:

- Miscellaneous Land Use Permit (MLUP) 11 AAC 96.040 -or-
- Approved Plan of Operations (APO) 11 AAC 86.150 -or-
- Other written authorization as appropriate for surface use of a mining property. 11 AAC 86.145

On State Upland Mining Leases, Offshore Prospecting Permits, and Offshore Mining Leases:

- Approved Plan of Operations (APO) 11 AAC 86.800 -or-
- Other written authorization as appropriate for surface use of a mining property. 11AAC 86.145

All State Lands:

The building, placing, or uses of surface structures or other surface improvements, including airstrips and roads, within the boundaries of a mineral property must be approved through a plan of operation, land use permit or other written authorization. An active approval is needed for structures, improvements, and equipment to remain on state land. (AS 38.05.255(a)).

All Mining and Exploration Operations (regardless of land status or ownership):

- Reclamation Plan Approval and Reclamation Bonding. AS 27.19.030, AS 27.19.040 -or-
- Reclamation Letter of Intent for small, exempt operation. AS 27.19.050

Cross Country Travel

- Access and surface activities exceeding Generally Allowed Use (11 AAC 96.020) on State land other than on mining claims, prospect sites and mining leases. For questions about your route, what supplemental forms may be required and what type of use is allowed, please contact our office listed above.

**DNR DMLW, Water Section (DNR-Water)**

- Temporary Water Use Authorization for significant amount of water (including the use of 100% recycle systems). For questions, contact Kindra Geis at (907) 451-2790 or [kindra.geis@alaska.gov](mailto:kindra.geis@alaska.gov).

**DNR DMLW, Water Section – Dam Safety Program (DNR-Dam Safety)**

- Artificial barriers (dams) come under the jurisdiction of the Dam Safety Program when they meet definitions under AS 46.17.900(3). For questions, contact Ben Wagner at (907) 269-8636 or [ben.wagner@alaska.gov](mailto:ben.wagner@alaska.gov).

### **Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**

- Wastewater Discharge General Permit authorization: Permits are required for discharges to waters of the U.S. For questions, contact Nick Dallman (placer mining) at (907) 451-2142 or [nicholas.dallman@alaska.gov](mailto:nicholas.dallman@alaska.gov); or Tim Pilon (hardrock exploration) at (907) 451-2136 or [tim.pilon@alaska.gov](mailto:tim.pilon@alaska.gov).
- Questions regarding spill prevention and response visit <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/>.
- Notify Nearby Drinking Water Systems: If the project is within a Drinking Water Protection Area (DWPA) for a public water system (PWS), please notify the PWS of the proposed activity. Additional requirements from certain permits apply, such as setbacks from water intakes. DWPA's can be found using an interactive web map application (<http://dec.alaska.gov/das/gis/apps.htm>). PWS contact information can be found at the Drinking Water Watch website (<https://dec.alaska.gov/dww/>) For additional questions, contact the ADEC Drinking Water Program at (907) 269-7656 or online at <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/dw>.

### **Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G)**

- Fish Habitat Permit (Title 16): Permits are required for stream crossings, suction dredging, and alterations to the bed/banks in anadromous fish streams; stream diversions, dams, and water intake structures in all fish bearing waters or any activity that could obstruct the efficient passage and movement of fish. For questions, contact:
  - South Central/Southwest/Anchorage Office: (907) 267-2342 or [dfg.hab.infoanc@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.hab.infoanc@alaska.gov).
  - Interior/Northern/Arctic/Fairbanks Office: (907) 459-7289 or [dfg.hab.infofai@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.hab.infofai@alaska.gov).
  - Mat-Su/Palmer Office: (907) 861-3200 or [dfg.hab.infopaq@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.hab.infopaq@alaska.gov).
  - Kenai Peninsula/Soldotna Office: (907) 714-2475 or [dfg.hab.infosxq@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.hab.infosxq@alaska.gov).
  - Southeast/Douglas Office: (907) 465-4105 or [dfg.hab.infodou@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.hab.infodou@alaska.gov).
  - Craig Office: (907) 826-2560 or [dfg.hab.infocga@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.hab.infocga@alaska.gov).

### **DNR Office of History and Archeology (OHA)**

- In consideration of potentially significant cultural resources, please do not disturb any historical buildings, structures, objects, or artifacts that are located on the site without consultation with the OHA. If cultural resources are discovered during permitted activities, OHA should be contacted to consult on appropriate measures. Examples of cultural resource sites that could be encountered include, but is not limited to:
  - Historical cabin remains (collapsed, standing, or foundations).
  - Adits, dredges or other mining equipment.
  - Other cultural depressions, pits, graves, cemeteries, prehistoric tools, artifacts, or paleontological (fossilized) remains.

For more information or questions, please call the OHA Front Desk and request to speak with one of OHA's Review and Compliance Staff: (907) 269-8700.

**This application may serve as notice to obtain permits and approvals from the following Federal government agencies; however, additional information may be required.**

### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

- EPA Spill Prevention control and countermeasures (SPCC): for project with cumulative petroleum storage (*e.g.*, waste oil, fuel, lubricant) greater than 1,320 gallons, only include containers 55 gallons or more in volume, must self-certify a SPCC. Cumulative petroleum storage larger than 10,000 gallons must have a SPCC plan certified by a professional engineer.
- For additional information contact Matthew Carr at (907) 271-3616 [carr.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:carr.matthew@epa.gov) or visit <https://www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations/overview-spill-prevention-control-and>.

### **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

- Prior to submitting your APMA for your Plan or Notice, please contact the BLM so they can assist you in ensuring the correct information is submitted.
- The BLM mining staff can be contacted at the following offices:
  - Anchorage District Office (Covers Glennallen & Anchorage Field offices): (907) 267-1246 [BLM\\_AK\\_ADO\\_Mining@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_AK_ADO_Mining@blm.gov).
  - Fairbanks District Office (Central Yukon and Eastern Interior Field Offices): (907) 474-2200 [BLM\\_AK\\_CYFO\\_Mining@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_AK_CYFO_Mining@blm.gov) or [BLM\\_AK\\_EIFO\\_Mining@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_AK_EIFO_Mining@blm.gov).
  - BLM Alaska State Office Mining Support Group (907) 271-5960 [BLM\\_AK\\_AKSO\\_Mining@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_AK_AKSO_Mining@blm.gov).

### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

- A Corps permit is required for mining operations that discharge dredged and/or fill material into wetlands, streams and lakes under the Clean Water Act, on state, federal and private lands.
- Regional General Permit 08 for Mechanical Placer Mining verifies operations with 5 acres or less of wetland impact and 1500 linear feet of stream diversion (unless waived). Larger operations may require an Individual Permit; exploration activities may be verified under Nationwide 6 Permit. Supplementary information is usually required.
- Submittal of the APMA does not ensure a Corps permit. Please contact one of our offices to speak with a Project Manager, and/ or go to our website: <https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Placer-Mining/>
- **If you do not receive a letter from the Corps, this does not mean authorization is not required.** Please contact a USACE office to ensure you have met permitting requirements. USACE Placer Mining Ellen Lyons, 907-347-3481, [regpagemaster@usace.army.mil](mailto:regpagemaster@usace.army.mil)

**The APMA serves primarily, but not exclusively, as a multi-agency application. Do not assume that this APMA application will suffice for all the permits and authorizations your project requires. Contact each agency with jurisdiction over your project to ensure you have submitted all required applications.**

### **This application WILL NOT satisfy requirements for the following:**

#### **Alaska Department of Revenue: Alaska Mining License Tax**

- Anyone conducting mining in Alaska must obtain a mining license. The mining license forms can be found online at <http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/programs/forms/index.aspx?60610>. Please submit your mining license application directly to the Department of Revenue. For questions contact Suzanne Anderson, (907) 269-6948 or [suzanne.anderson@alaska.gov](mailto:suzanne.anderson@alaska.gov).

#### **Department of Natural Resources: Claim information, Rents, Labor, and Production Royalties**

- To preserve the right to mine on State lands, a 3% Production Royalty on net income must be submitted each year to Mineral Property Management (AS 38.05.212 and 11 AAC 86.760).
- Other requirements may include Annual Rent and Affidavits of Annual Labor. More information can be found on the DNR Mineral Property Management website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/mpm/>. For questions contact Andy Schweizer at (907) 269-8550 or [andy.schweizer@alaska.gov](mailto:andy.schweizer@alaska.gov)

## **Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office (TLO), Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust)**

- The use of Trust land for recreational activities is allowed under the following conditions: All activities must be a day use only, non-commercial, non-motorized, and in compliance with federal and local laws.
- A general permit is required for all non-commercial, recreational activities that include overnight use (such as camping), motorized use (max curb weight 1,500 lbs.), firewood harvest, subsistence, trapping access, or aircraft landing. A general permit may be purchased online at: <http://alaskamentalhealthtrust.org/landpermits>.
- Travel with motorized vehicles across Trust land requires written authorization from The Trust.
- Mining claim staking is not allowed on Trust lands.
- To view maps of Trust lands, click on the following link: <https://soa-dnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=46b2208164754c708436d63de569b06d>.
- For further information, contact the TLO: (907) 269-8658.

## **Department of Environmental Conservation: Solid Waste Disposal, Remote Camp Permits, Potable Drinking Water Systems**

- Solid Waste Disposal, Remote Camps and Lodges Permit: Find the application(s) online at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/eh/solid-waste/permitapps/>
- For more information, contact the Division of Environmental Health, Solid Waste Program at (907) 269-7802.

## **Federal Mine Health and Safety Administration (MSHA): Mine ID or registration**

Contact MSHA directly with general questions: [AskMSHA@dol.gov](mailto:AskMSHA@dol.gov).

## **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)**

- Depending on the location of your mining claim(s), a permit under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act for the take of eagles or their nests and/or a Section 7 Consultation for federally threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act may be needed.
  - To find out if protected species are in the vicinity of or on your claim(s), go to the USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) site at <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>. Click on 'Get Started' and select your claim area by manually drawing claim boundaries or uploading a shapefile.
  - If your claim area includes threatened or endangered species, critical habitats, and/or bald or golden eagles (listed under Migratory Birds in the Resources list to the left), please contact your local USFWS office for additional guidance. If you do not have access to the internet to use IPaC, please contact your local USFWS office for assistance.
- To learn more about protecting migratory birds, including timing vegetation clearing and land disturbance activities outside of the breeding season, visit <https://www.fws.gov/alaska-bird-nesting-season> or call your local USFWS office.
- USFWS contact information – Northern Alaska: (907) 456-0203; Southern Alaska: (907) 271-2888.

**In accordance with Alaska Statue 27.19, miners may not engage in mining operations until a reclamation plan has been approved.** All mining operations must submit to DNR annual Reclamation Statements postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year, regardless of the level of activity conducted.

- **Operations less than five acres** may check the Letter of Intent box on the Reclamation Plan Form.
- **Operations of five acres or more** must check the Reclamation Plan box on the Reclamation Plan Form and must be bonded. You may either join the Statewide Bond Pool or you may submit evidence of an individual financial assurance. All plans and notices on BLM managed lands as per §43 CFR 3809.10 require a separate reclamation plan and bonding, for all disturbed acres, to be filed with BLM. If your operation involves BLM federal land, you must obtain BLM approval of your bonding prior to submission of you application to DNR-Mining.

## **Confidentiality Statement**

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AS 38.05.035(a) authorizes the director to decide what information is needed to process an application for the sale or use of state land and resources. This information is made a part of the state public land records and becomes public information under AS 40.25.110 and 40.25.120 (unless the information qualifies for confidentiality under AS 38.05.035(a)(8) and confidentiality is requested, AS 43.05.230, or AS 45.48). Public information is open to inspection by you or any member of the public. A person who is the subject of the information may challenge its accuracy or completeness under AS 40.25.310, by giving a written description of the challenged information, the changes needed to correct it, and a name and address where the person can be reached. False statements made in an application for a benefit are punishable under AS 11.56.210. In submitting this form, the applicant agrees with the Department to use “electronic” means to conduct “transactions” (as those terms are used in the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, AS 09.80.010 – AS 09.80.195) that relate to this form and that the Department need not retain the original paper form of this record: the department may retain this record as an electronic record and destroy the original.

**Fees:** APMA filing fees have been increased effective July 1, 2018 (see Director’s Fee Order #3 for full fee schedule). Other fees, including fees for authorizations, petitions, and services not subject to a fee waiver reduction provided by DMLW and other divisions within the Department of Natural Resources are provided in 11 AAC 05.020 through 11AAC 05.270 and Department of Fish & Game or other agencies using the APMA application.

### **DNR-Mining Fees:**

A nonrefundable application fee is charged when all APMAs are submitted. Fees vary depending on mineral property type (Lease or Mining Claim), operation size and surface land use.

### **Miscellaneous Land Use Permit For Mining Claims and Prospecting Sites:**

- Less than 5 acres: \$280 for first year, \$80 each additional year up to 5 years (\$600 max).
- More than 5 acres: \$240 for first year, \$80 each additional year up to 5 years (\$560 max).

### **For Upland Mining Leases, Offshore Mining Leases or those electing a Plan of Operation**

#### **Approval:**

- Less than 5 acres: \$200 for the first year, \$80 each additional year up to 5 years (\$520 max).
- More than 5 acres: \$400 for the first year, \$200 each additional year up to 5 years (\$1200 max).

### **For Non-State Land Reclamation Plan Approvals (Federal, Private, or Native Corporation lands):**

- \$400 for up to 5 years.

### **Cross Country Travel:**

- Cross Country Travel is billable at \$240 for each year travel is authorized. Authorizations issued by the DNR may also require bonding and insurance in addition to the usage fee and will be collected prior to the issuance of permits.

### **Amendments:**

- The amendment filing fee is \$200. Changes in operation must be submitted in writing and approved in advance by all affected agencies before the start of such activity.

**Additional fees may be billed for surface land use above two acres on mining claims or five acres on leases, for additional staff time, or for reclamation bonding release.**



### **DNR-Water Fees:**

A nonrefundable application fee is charged when applicants request a Temporary Water Use Authorization (TWUA) by using this APMA form as an approved alternate form for the Application for Temporary Use of Water.

- The TWUA fee is \$450 for each authorization. Each authorization may include up to 5 sources and can be for a period of up to 5 years. The TWUA fee is in addition to the DNR-Mining Fee and is collected at the time of filing. An annual maintenance fee of \$50 will be billed separately. An additional \$350 fee may be required for amendments.

Make checks or money orders payable to “Department of Natural Resources” or call to pay by phone. Submit completed application and appropriate fee(s) to the following DNR office:

DNR Division of Mining, Land & Water  
3700 Airport Way  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699  
Email: [dnr.fbx.mining@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.fbx.mining@alaska.gov)  
Phone: (907) 451-2736

### **DEC Permitting Fees:**

Applicants who request a wastewater discharge authorization from DEC (section #26) are subject to the following annual fees:

- Mechanical Placer Mines without Mixing Zones: \$225
- Mechanical Placer Mines with Mixing Zones: \$315
- Medium-Sized Suction Dredges: \$90
- Norton Sound Large Dredges: \$715

A \$25.00 discount is available to Mechanical Placer Mines with Mixing Zones and fewer than 20 employees. DEC will mail a separate invoice upon authorization.

### **APMA Instructions and Check List:**

1. State mining regulation require applications to be completed in ink or typed.
2. Maps and plans can be in black and white or in color, provided they are on 8 ½” by 11” sized paper. Over size maps and plans needed to clarify complex operation, are allowed so long as 8 ½” by 11” sized equivalents are included.
3. If an applicant is requesting authorization to conduct activities on more than 12 claims, please attach a complete mineral property list.
4. **HARDROCK APPLICANTS:** If an applicant is requesting authorization to conduct permitted activities on more than 12 claims, planning 5 or more drill holes or trenches, using more than 5 water take points or conducting in-stream activities in more than 5 locations, then the tabular information in Excel is preferred. A template is downloadable at: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/forms/apma/2022/pdf/AHEA-Reclamation-Spreadsheet.xls> . Please use the workbook provided or similar format.
5. Electronic application materials can be submitted to [dnr.fbx.mining@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.fbx.mining@alaska.gov).

**Please review the following checklist and make certain all applicable items are included before submitting the application. **Incomplete applications will be returned.****

**All Applicants:**

- Are the applicable processing fees, use fees and bond pool fees enclosed?
- Is there a current, legible sketch and narrative of proposed operation?
- Are the Reclamation Statements signed and dated and the appropriate boxes checked?
- Is the Annual reclamation Report dated and signed?
- If you are not the owner of the listed mineral location, have you provided the original notarized (wet ink, not a copy) Notice of Operator Authorization?
- Are all operators listed? Are independent mining subcontractors and other persons not in an employment relationship listed?
- If applicable, have you completed a Statewide Bond Pool Form or Statewide Bond Pool Renewal Form? Include BLM signature if Federal claims are listed.
- Are all your maps and sketches, paper or electronic, included?
  - Plan map and cross section of operations.
  - Access map(s): Include a map of your summer access and your winter cross country access (if applying). Include the appropriate U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map or maps at a scale of one-inch equals one mile (1:63,360) overlain with the proposed access route. Identify entire access on and off your claim block from a major road system, airstrip, or boat landing. Reproduced portions of maps in 8 ½" X 11" size is acceptable, provided they are readable and suitable for copying. Each map should be clearly identified with a USGS identifier (*e.g.*, Fairbanks A-3); and a legal description (meridian, townships and ranges involving the route).
  - Have you provided a map of your claims? Include a USGS topographic map illustrating: location; claim name; claim number; camp location; airstrips; and appropriate USGS map identifier. Identify those claims with past disturbance and those on which activity will take place this season

**Placer and Suction Dredge Applicants:**

- If applying for a Wastewater Discharge Permit, have you marked all applicable checkboxes within section 26 of the application and included coordinates and a signature?
- If applying for a stream diversion, have you provided a map with clearly labeled start and end points to the planned diversion and completed the stream diversion page of the application? Provide the mining claim number and legal descriptions of your planned or existing diversion.
- If operating in Offshore Nome with multiple dredges have you included the Nome Offshore Operator Supplement for all operators?

**Hardrock Applicants:**

- Have you included SDS sheets for all drilling fluids?
- Have you identified drill targets (points and/or regional targets) for the duration of the permit application?
- Have you clearly described reclamation measures and drill waste handling protocol?
- Have you attached the Narrative and ALL required maps?



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Single Year \_\_\_\_\_ Multi-year Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Finish: \_\_\_\_\_ APMA Number (A/F/J, Year, \*\*\*\*) \_\_\_\_\_

What type activity are you planning to perform? <b>*REQUIRED (1)</b>  <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Suction Dredging/Reclamation</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Reclamation Only</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Placer Mining/ Reclamation</td> <td>Access</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hardrock Exploration/ Reclamation</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Suction Dredging/Reclamation	Reclamation Only	Placer Mining/ Reclamation	Access	Hardrock Exploration/ Reclamation		Surface estate of mineral properties: <b>*REQUIRED (2)</b>  <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">State (General)</td> <td style="width: 50%;">State (Mental Health)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Federal</td> <td>Private</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>City or Borough</td> </tr> </table>	State (General)	State (Mental Health)	Federal	Private		City or Borough
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**Check All That Apply:** Mineral Property Owner Lessee Operator **\*Required (3)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

[Click here for the Department of Commerce Link](#)

Alaska Business/Corporation Entity# \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Agent (Corp./LLC/LP) \_\_\_\_\_

**Check All That Apply:** Mineral Property Owner Lessee Operator **\*Required (4)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Check All That Apply:** Mineral Property Owner Lessee Operator **\*Required (5)**

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**Check All That Apply:** Mineral Property Owner Lessee Operator **\*Required (6)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Attach a separate sheet for additional contacts**

Alaska Business/Corporation Entity# \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Agent (Corp./LLC/LP) \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name If Applicable: <b>(7)</b>	Average Number of Workers: <b>*REQUIRED (8)</b>	Start-Up/Shut Down: (Month/Day) <b>(9)</b> _____ to _____.
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Mining District: <b>*REQUIRED (10)</b>	Applicable USGS Map(s): <b>*REQUIRED (11)</b>	On What Stream Is This Activity? <b>(12)</b>
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Legal Description of mineral properties to be worked (MTRS) <b>*REQUIRED (13)</b> Example: Fairbanks Meridian Township 001N Range 003E Sections 15, 16, and 21 or F 001N 003E Sec. 15, 16, and 21	Internal Use Only:
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Internal Use Only:

Date Application Received Complete: \_\_\_\_\_ Adjudicator: \_\_\_\_\_ LAS Entry: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sec 3 CID: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec 4 CID: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec 5 CID: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec 6 CID: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINERAL PROPERTIES LIST**

**(14)**

Properties that have previous mining disturbance requiring reclamation, active mining/exploration activities, surface improvements, location of a camp, or provides access through the claim block for mining activities. **DO NOT LIST CLAIMS UNLESS LISTED ACTIVITIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.**

If requesting more than 12 claims, are additional sheets with ADL/BLM/USMS and legal descriptions attached?      Yes      No  
 Are any of these mineral properties an Upland or Offshore Mining Lease?      Yes      No

	ADL/BLM/USMS #	PROPERTY NAME		ADL/BLM/USMS #	PROPERTY NAME
1.			7.		
2.			8.		
3.			9.		
4.			10.		
5.			11.		
6.			12.		

**INVENTORY OF EQUIPMENT**

**(15)**

List all mechanized equipment to be used (make, model, type, size, purpose, and number of each, including pumps). Attach additional sheets as necessary. If you are transporting on a trailer to the claim block, include the trailer size.

Check One:

	Make, Model, Type, Size, Purpose of Equipment or Pump	Quantity of this type	Located on the claim block?	Transporting to claim block?
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

**ACCESS TO THE CLAIM BLOCK**

**(16)**

Access across surface estates not owned by the State requires approval of the managing agency. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the owners of private property to obtain authorization for access.

When are you going to be transporting equipment and/or traveling to and from the claim block?      Winter      Summer

**Access to the claim block crosses what type of land(s)?**

State                                      City/Borough                                      Federal                                      Private

**Indicate type(s) Existing Access to the claim block:**

All season Road (These are public easements maintained by municipal, borough, private, or state funds for year round use). List road(s) to claim block: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Route or a RST/ RS 2477 Easement with a mineral base surface.  
 If the RST/ RS 2477 Easement(s) has a State of Alaska number, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Navigable Waterway

Aircraft Supported

**Indicate type(s) of access to be constructed within the claim block for development of the mineral resource:**

Road(s)                      Helicopter Pad                      Airstrip                      No Improvements or Construction Proposed

**ACCESS HC THE CLAIM BLOCK, CONTINUED**

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Please describe your construction activities and include mitigation measures to protect water, fish and game resources. Include a time frame for final closure and a reclamation plan for access within the claim block. Attach additional pages if necessary:

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A access map **MUST** be submitted with your application. Topographic maps at a scale of 1"=1 mile must clearly indicate the proposed access route from start to finish, location of proposed construction activities, and appropriate legal descriptions (township and range) on each map sheet. Paper size should be limited to 8 ½" x 11". Do not tape maps together.

Name the individual(s) or business(es) who will be conducting the travel:

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List all equipment and vehicles conducting travel to/from the claim block, including vehicle weights and season of travel:

State the average total miles traveled in one round trip: \_\_\_\_\_. State the number of trips proposed: \_\_\_\_\_.

State the start and end date(s) or period(s) of proposed travel: \_\_\_\_\_.

Select the following terrain type(s) that best describes your route of travel:      Wetlands      Tundra  
    Uplands      Rivers or Other Water Bodies      Wooded Areas (6" Trees or larger at breast height)

Will water be needed to construct ramps/ ice bridges?      Yes      No

If Yes, estimated quantity of water will be used: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/day      Water Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you transporting fuel?      Yes      No

Maximum volume of fuel (in gallons) that is being transported by one vehicle and any trailers or sleds it is towing:

Are you transporting other hazardous substances?      Yes      No If "Yes" indicate type and amount (e.g. gallons, lbs, psi):

How are petroleum products contained? (i.e., drums, bladders, steel tanks, etc.) Indicate size of containers:

How are petroleum products being transported? (i.e., skid-mounted tank, trailer, 55 gallon drums on skid, etc.)

**ACCESS TO CLAIM BLOCK CONTINUED**

**(16)**

Does your travel include the staging or storage of equipment or structures off the claim block?    Yes    No

If Yes, describe the location and dimensions of the long term or short term parking and/or storage areas.

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**PETROLEUM PRODUCT STORAGE**

**(17)**

Do you have an Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan approved by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation?    Yes    No

Do you have either a trained spill response team or a contract with a spill response company?    Yes    No

Describe any measures you plan to take to minimize drips or spills from leaking equipment or vehicles:

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Quantity Petroleum Products to be Stored on the Project Site?

0-1,320 gallons of total storage (Secondary Containment recommended, but not required)

1,321-10,000 gallons of total storage (count only containers with a capacity of 55 gallons or greater). A self-certified Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan is required and applies to all products, such as diesel fuel, gasoline, lube oil, hydraulic oil and waste oil. The self certified SPCC form can be downloaded at: <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/EHSdocs/ehsHMUPAdocs/TIERIQFSPCCPlan.pdf>.

BLM Operators are encouraged to use the optional BLM-Spill contingency plan that can be downloaded at: [https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/BLM-AK\\_spill-contingency-plan\\_APMA\\_worksheetSup.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/BLM-AK_spill-contingency-plan_APMA_worksheetSup.pdf)

10,000+ gallons of total storage (count only containers with 55 gallons or greater storage capacity). An SPCC certified by a professional engineer is required and applies to all oil products, such as diesel fuel, gasoline, lube oil, hydraulic oil and waste oil.

Indicate Distance Stored From Flowing Waters: \_\_\_\_\_ Feet. (Minimum distance from naturally occurring water bodies required by DNR is 100 feet).

Is waste oil stored on the project site?    Yes    No    If Yes, describe quantity and storage modality: \_\_\_\_\_

Are fuel containment berms around storage containers?    Yes    No    Is berm area lined?    Yes    No

TEMPORARY STRUCTURES/FACILITIES

(18)

Is a camp or placement of any temporary structure requested? Yes No

If "No", Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe all temporary improvements (including buildings, tent platforms, out-buildings, etc., including their quantity, dimensions and building type.

What type of property is the camp located on? State Federal Private (Patented) City or Borough MHTL

If camp is on private land, provide location: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed perimeter dimensions of camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Length (feet) \_\_\_\_\_ Width (feet).

Request use of existing facilities, list ADL(s): \_\_\_\_\_
Year-Round Seasonal, from Approx. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, annually.

Request to place new temporary structures, list ADL(s): \_\_\_\_\_
Year-Round Seasonal, from Approx. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, annually.

Table with 7 columns: Temporary New Structures Quantity, Existing Structure Quantity, Use (Shop, office, etc.), Dimensions (ft x ft), Dimensions (ft x ft), Dimensions (ft x ft). Rows include Framed, Tent, Trailer, Platforms, Out-Buildings, Other.

\* If Required, list any other structures on a separate sheet, include dimensions, use, and type.

Grey Water and Biological Waste - Describe storage and proposed method of disposal (e.g., leach line, septic, holding tank, or pit privy):

Solid Waste - Describe the types of waste that will be generated on-site including garbage, scrap metal, industrial; and describe its disposal method. Note: For on-site disposal on state land, additional authorization is required by DEC and DNR outside of the APMA.

What is the distance grey water, biological, and solid waste will be located from the ordinary high water mark of the nearest freshwater body (lake, stream, river, rivulet, etc.), or the mean high water mark of a saltwater body: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be any use of animals (horses, dogs, goats/sheep, etc)? Yes No

Required: Dismantle and Removal for Structures: Provide a plan for dismantling and removing structures, equipment, and storage tanks. Include the method and timeline for restoration of all location areas.

Blank lines for providing a plan for dismantling and removing structures, equipment, and storage tanks.

**MINING METHOD**

**(19)**

Mechanical Placer Mining (e.g., terrestrial open-cut operations with dozer or excavator, etc.)

Estimated cubic yards processed annually: \_\_\_\_\_

Suction Dredge                      Mechanical Dredge (e.g., excavator or clam-shell)

List all suction and mechanical dredges. If information is not applicable, write "N/A." Attach extra sheet if necessary.

	Dredge 1		Dredge 2		Dredge 3	
Vessel ID (Name or Number)						
Vessel Dimensions						
Suction Dredge Intake Nozzle Diameter / Pump Size	Inches:	HP:	Inches:	HP:	Inches:	HP:
Mechanical Dredge Bucket Volume	Cubic Yards:		Cubic Yards:		Cubic Yards:	
Processing Rate	Yds. <sup>3</sup> /Hr.:		Yds. <sup>3</sup> /Hr.:		Yds. <sup>3</sup> /Hr.:	
Wastewater Discharge Rate	GPM:		GPM:		GPM:	
Maximum Water Depth	Feet:		Feet:		Feet:	
Average Daily Operating Hours						
Operation on Sea Ice (Yes/No)	Yes / No		Yes No		Yes / No	
Vessel Registration # / State	#:	State:	#:	State:	#:	State:

Location:	Offshore / Salt Water	Pond connected to stream
	Stream	Pond isolated from stream
	Mine cut isolated from stream	

**PLACER EXPLORATION DRILLING AND TEST PITS**

**(20)**

Please provide topographic maps showing drilling and/or test pit locations that corresponds with the table below. Maps should (at minimum) have labeled Mineral Properties and labeled locations of proposed activities. Methodology and reclamation of exploration activities must be described in the placer narrative.

**Test Pits:    Yes    No**                      How long will the test pit be open if not converted into an active mine cut? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated number of pits to be excavated: \_\_\_\_\_

Average Size: Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.    Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.    Depth: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.

**Placer Drilling:    Yes    No**                      Type of drill(s) used: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of holes to be drilled: \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling and Test Pit Identification and Mineral Property Information	
Trench/Hole ID on Map	ADL/BLM/USMS NUMBER

If more than 8 Pits/drill sites, please provide data in tabular format



**EXPLOSIVES**

**(21)**

Will explosives be used?    Yes        No    If "Yes", Indicate:    Type: \_\_\_\_\_    Amount: \_\_\_\_\_.

Explosive Handler's Certification/ATF Permit Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your blast design, blast schedule, and explosives handling plan in the project narrative.

**WATER ENTRAPMENT**

**(22)**

Will you be capturing water for use in mining operations?    Yes        No    The entrapment is:    Existing    To be constructed

Where does the water have a potential to being stored?    Above ground        Below ground level        Both

If above ground, what is the Length \_\_\_\_ ft    Height \_\_\_\_ ft    Width at crest \_\_\_\_ ft    Width at base \_\_\_\_ ft of the berm(s)

What is the purpose of the water use?    Makeup water pond    Settling/recycle pond    Stream diversion    Other \_\_\_\_\_

How long do you expect for the entrapment to be in place    Permanent        1-3 years        3-5 years        5 or more

If above ground, how many acre-feet is the maximum capacity of water stored from ground level to crest of the berm? \_\_\_\_\_

Total volume in acre-feet = surface area (acres) x average depth (feet)    (1 acre = 43,560 square feet)

Where is the topographic location of the water storage area?    Valley bottom        Hillside

If on a hillside, Approximately how many feet is the water storage above the valley floor \_\_\_\_\_ ft

**IN-STREAM ACTIVITIES and STREAM CROSSINGS**

**(23)**

List any equipment (refer to Box 15 if necessary) that will be crossing streams (including low-water crossings along established trails/roads) or used in any natural waterbody or used in-stream:

List all stream crossings, suction dredge or pump locations, including unnamed streams.

	Stream Name/ Water Source	NAD 83 Datum (approximate) Coordinates can be obtained using Alaska Mapper <a href="http://dnr.alaska.gov/mapper/controller">http://dnr.alaska.gov/mapper/controller</a>		MTRSC ¼ ¼ Ex: F001S001N01 SWSW	Check boxes to indicate type(s) of activity		
		Latitude ddd.mmmm	Longitude -ddd.mmmm		Crossing	Dredging	Water Intake
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

If in-stream activities and/or stream crossings are requested at more than 5 locations, please provide tabular data format.

**WATER USE AUTHORIZATIONS**

If water is impounded, withdrawn, or diverted, the ADNR Water Resources Section needs to review the water sources and water uses to determine if a water use authorization is needed. Water usage (including from 100% recycle pond systems) may require approval by issuing a Temporary Water Use Authorization (TWUA) or a Water Right. Information provided below will be used to determine the quantity of water that you may be authorized to use for your mining operation. When estimating water quantities, please estimate withdrawal amounts typical of a dry summer and provide the maximum quantity that you may withdraw from a particular source (e.g., stream, pond, groundwater, etc.) in a season. A TWUA application may be initiated from this APMA, unless a Water Right is requested. Please contact the ADNR, Water Resources Section at telephone number (907) 451-2790 for more information.

- Is there a current Water Right within the proposed mineral property boundary? Yes  No
- If yes, provide the LAS or ADL Water Right Case File number: \_\_\_\_\_
- What are the months of water use needed (for example May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Name & Location of Water Source(s):**

- If water is required **to fill** or **to maintain** water in the recycle/settling pond system check the applicable box (table below in part A) for each water source used. Please note that a recycle/settling pond system is a water source (5 sources per TWUA). Stormwater from rainfall or snowmelt do not require water use authorizations.
- Identify each water source and its geographic location using MTRS. Include Lat/Long coordinates if available.

Example: Finger Lake: Fairbanks Meridian, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Section 20.  
 MTRS: F3N3W 20  
 Lat/Long: 65° 4' 15" N; 148° 12' 43" W

**A. Name & Location of Water Source(s).** No more than 5 water sources per TWUA. Attach list of additional sources if needed. A \$450 fee is associated with each TWUA. The APMA paperwork is all that is needed to apply for TWUAs. For example, if there are 20 sources listed in the APMA, 4 TWUA case files will be generated.  
**When submitting an APMA, a separate Application for Temporary use of Water form is not needed.**

Provide the geographic name or locally know name of water Source. (Recycle/settling ponds, creek, stream, well, etc.)  If requesting a stream reach, clearly identify the entire stream reach on a legible map.	Meridian	Township	Range	Section(s)	Start-Up Water and/or Make-Up Water? Check each applicable box.			
					Start-Up	X	Make-Up	X
Example: Unnamed Creek	F	3N	3W	20	Start-Up	X	Make-Up	X
1.					Start-Up		Make-Up	
Latitude:				Longitude:				
2.					Start-Up		Make-Up	
Latitude:				Longitude:				
3.					Start-Up		Make-Up	
Latitude:				Longitude:				
4.					Start-Up		Make-Up	
Latitude:				Longitude:				
5.					Start-Up		Make-Up	
Latitude:				Longitude:				

## WATER USE AUTHORIZATIONS CONT.

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<b>B. Water Use Activities.</b> Complete applicable information for each source. For recycle/settling pond system complete part <b>C. Recycle/Settling Pond System</b> . For stream diversions also complete Section 29.					
<b>Geographic Name of Water Source</b> <i>(Same as sources Above).</i>  Describe the water use information for each source. For recycle/settling pond system complete Section C.	<b>Diversion</b> <b>(gpm/cfs)</b>	<b>Withdrawal Rate</b> <b>(gpm/pump)</b>	<b>Number of Pumps</b>	<b>Hours per Day</b>	<b>Days per Month</b>
1.					
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<b>C. Recycle/Settling Pond System</b>	<b>Withdrawal Rate</b> <b>(gpm/pump)</b>	<b>Number of Pumps</b>	<b>Hours per Day</b>	<b>Days per Month</b>	<b>Additional Notes:</b>
This system will also need to be listed as a water source in Section A. This entire pond system counts towards the 5 sources allowed per TWUA. Provide Length (L), Width (W), and Depth (D), of each pond. Beaver ponds or similar nature made impoundments will not be permitted for use as settling ponds.					
	Pond # 1: L: ___ ft W: ___ ft D: ___ ft			Pond # 2: L: ___ ft W: ___ ft D: ___ ft	
	Pond # 3: L: ___ ft W: ___ ft D: ___ ft			Pond # 4: L: ___ ft W: ___ ft D: ___ ft	

<b>D. Camp Water Uses</b>	<b>Maximum # of People in Camp</b>	<b>Withdrawal Rate</b> <b>(gpm/pump)</b>	<b>Number of Pumps</b>	<b>Hours per Day</b>	<b>Days per Month</b>	<b>Source(s) of Water</b> Well, Haul, Stream, Spring, Lake Source(s) will count towards the 5 sources identified in Section A.
Provide information on camp water uses. If an ADEC public drinking water system is used, please attach certificate to operate and/or associated documents.						
Additional Notes:						

**WATER USE AUTHORIZATIONS CONTINUED**

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<b>E. Exploration Activities</b> A map of your requested drilling water sources is required with the following information: -MTRS sections, -stream reaches or other water sources (please label, including take points if known) -and drill hole locations.	<b>Is Water Needed for Exploration Trenching or Drilling?</b>	<b>Withdrawal Rate (gpm/pump)</b>	<b>Number of Pumps</b>	<b>Hours per Day</b>	<b>Days per Month</b>	<b>Source(s) of Water</b> Well, Haul, Stream, Spring Lake, etc. Source(s) will count towards the 5 sources identified in Section A.

**D. SUCTION DREDGING.**

If suction dredging activity is occurring, please ensure that you have completed the dredge table in Section (19) MINING METHOD.

**TIMBER CLEARING AND USE**  
*(Operations on State Lands Only)*

(25)

Pursuant to AS 38.05.255, timber from land open to *mining without lease*, except "timberland", may be used by a mining claimant or prospecting site locator for the mining or development of the location or adjacent claims under common ownership. Timber not used for the mining or development of the location or adjacent locations, that is removed from the operation must be acquired via timber sale or written letter of non-objection from the Alaska Division of Forestry.

For questions on the appropriate use of timber on federal mining claims, contact your local BLM field office.

On other lands ("timberlands" and in areas that are closed to mining without lease), timber cleared, used and/or removed must be acquired via a timber sale or a written letter of non-objection from the Alaska Division of Forestry.

Will timber be used for the mining or development of the location or lease?      Yes      No

Describe the timbered area or areas to be cleared; include a map or drawing of the areas of timber to be cleared.

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Describe the amount of timber to be used for the mining or development of the location or lease and the clearing methods you will use.

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Are more than 40 acres of timbered area(s) to be cleared?      Yes      No

11 AAC 86.145. "A classification or designation indicating that timber and other forest products of significant value are included within a mining property is prima facie evidence that the land on which the property is located is considered to be "timberlands" for purposes of AS 38.05.255"

**WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION**

(26)

All mechanical placer mine, suction dredge, and mechanical dredge operations that discharge to a water of the U.S. require an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) permit from DEC. See Cover Pages for a list of APDES permit fees.

Operations wishing to discharge under the APDES Small Suction Dredge General Permit (dredges with intake diameters of 6" or less, or highbankers) may skip this section but must complete annual online registrations, including \$25 fee payments, at <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/edms>.

Previously issued DEC-APDES Wastewater discharge permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want this APMA to act as an application or renewal for any of the following APDES general permits (GPs)\*:

- Mechanical Placer Miners GP (open-cut terrestrial operations): Yes      No
- Medium-Size Suction Dredge GP (nozzle diameter greater than 6" to 10"): Yes      No
- Norton Sound Large Dredge GP (nozzle diameter greater than 10" or mechanical dredge): Yes      No

**Waterbody the discharge flows directly into, or would potentially flow:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate coordinates of mine site:**

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Source (e.g., DNR - Alaska Mapper): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mechanical placer operations that do not elect coverage under the Mechanical Placer Miners GP may be required to obtain coverage under the Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water. Contact DEC to terminate a permit.

**Optional\* - Mixing Zone Request or Termination for Mechanical Placer Mine Operations**

Do you wish to apply for a mixing zone and modified turbidity limit from DEC? Yes      No

If a mixing zone is requested, provide the following:

Coordinates of discharge location: Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_.

Maximum Effluent Flow anticipated from your operation \_\_\_\_\_ (GPM) [must be greater than zero (0)].

Distance to nearest downstream drinking water source \_\_\_\_\_ and downstream placer mine \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you wish to terminate an active authorized mixing zone? Yes (APDES# \_\_\_\_\_)      No

\*A mixing zone authorizes an increase in the permit's turbidity limit based on available dilution from the surface water. Permittees without mixing zones must meet the water quality standard for turbidity at the point of discharge into the surface water.

**Certification Statement – applicable only to information required for DEC authorizations (required for all DEC permit or mixing zone applicants)**

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

**Signature of Responsible Party:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Responsible Party Name (First Last, Position) - Printed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Name (if applicable) - Printed:** \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 404 WETLANDS PERMIT

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (CORPS JD) and MITIGATION STATEMENT

**All Placer Mining applicants are required to contact the Corps of Engineers for submittal requirements.**

A complete application for a Department of the Army (DA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Section 404 permit includes a description of project impacts (contained in the APMA), a Jurisdictional Determination (JD) and a Mitigation Statement. The applications for the JD and the Mitigation Statement are contained in two Corps Supplements, which may be attached to this APMA. The Supplements may be downloaded from the Corps and DNR websites, or obtained directly from a Corps office in paper copy, by email, or mail. Please contact the Corps to determine what supplements are required.

The Supplements are available at: <https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Placer-Mining/>

**Corps Supplement, Attachment 1, Jurisdictional Determination:** Attachment 1 must be filled in and submitted to the Corps for **all new placer applications (New and Existing Operations)**. Photos of your mine site are required. Your JD will be valid for five years. Your photos will be used only for the purpose of conducting an offsite JD.

**Corps Supplement, Attachment 2, Mitigation Statement:** Alaska District regional mitigation policy for placer mining operations under this General Permit (GP) emphasizes avoidance and minimization of impacts; **compensatory mitigation is not required**. However, by regulation, a Mitigation Statement covering measures for avoidance, minimization, and compensatory mitigation, or, a reason why compensatory mitigation is not proposed, must be submitted to the Corps with each new APMA for projects that impact waters of the U.S.

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**Provide the Latitude and Longitude of the operation location (DD, NAD83):**

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: - \_\_\_\_\_

Source (e.g., DNR - Alaska Mapper): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list Corps permits previously issued for this site:** POA- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ , POA- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**Certification Statement**

The Alaska District will accept the APMA as a pre-construction notification, pursuant to 33 CFR 320.1 (c). Application is hereby made for a permit to authorize the work described in this APMA. I certify the information in the APMA, and any required Supplements, is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the operator/ applicant.

Operator or Agent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**STREAM DIVERSION**

**(28)**

**A MAP OF COMPLETE STREAM DIVERSION IS REQUIRED:** The map **MUST** show the entire length of the diversion (i.e., where the water is diverted from the natural stream channel to where it returns to the natural stream channel) with start and end locations clearly marked. Pending on the scale of the proposed diversion, additional maps, construction details, and a stream reclamation plan may be requested in addition to this section after initial review. Operations on BLM lands that are proposing a stream diversion are encouraged to contact their local field office as early as possible in the permitting process due to additional requirements. **Contact ADF&G, Habitat Section for Fish Habitat Permitting information regarding diversion requirements.**

**Please note:** A stream diversion structure may also qualify as a dam and be subject to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Dam Safety Program per definitions provided in AS 46.17.900(3). If you require further regulatory guidance regarding dams, please contact our Dam Safety and Construction Unit, Dam Safety Engineer at (907) 269-8636, or for more information go to the Alaska Dam Safety Program website at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/water/dams/>

**Is Stream Diversion Required?**    **Yes** (if **Yes**, complete information below).                    **No**

Stream Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing (Date Constructed \_\_\_\_\_)                    To Be Constructed (Date \_\_\_\_\_)

Diversion Start/upstream Location (Lat/Long) \_\_\_\_\_

Diversion End/Downstream Location (Lat/Long) \_\_\_\_\_

Is Stream Diversion?    Permanent            Temporary \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ months

Will diversion be reclaimed annually prior to freeze-up or be retained throughout the mine life?

Annually reclaimed/returned to natural stream                    Maintained throughout mine life

Dimensions of existing stream in diversion area:

Length \_\_\_\_\_(ft) Top Width\_\_\_\_(ft) Bottom Width\_\_\_\_(ft) ) Floodplain Width\_\_\_\_(ft)

Dimensions of proposed diversion:

Dominant substrate type (Choose Two):    Bedrock            Boulder            Cobble            Gravel            Sand            Silt/Clay

Length \_\_\_\_\_(ft) Top Width\_\_\_\_(ft) Bottom Width\_\_\_\_(ft) Depth\_\_\_\_(ft) Floodplain Width\_\_\_\_(ft)

**Note:** The general geomorphology (e.g., meander, width/depth, pools/runs, etc.) and instream components (e.g., large woody debris, boulder/cobble, etc.) of the natural stream should be mimicked to the extent practicable.

**\*Required:** A written stream diversion narrative in addition to this form. The narrative should describe the following:

- 1.) Step by Step Procedures**
- 2.) Construction Techniques**
- 3.) Reclamation Techniques**
- 4.) Timelines**

**PLAN MAP OF OPERATION \*REQUIRED**

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**VICINITY MAP**

APMA #

ADLs:

(Attach additional sheets, along with detailed explanations as necessary)

**CROSS SECTION SKETCH \*REQUIRED**

**BEFORE ACTIVITY**

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**DURING ACTIVITY**

**AFTER ACTIVITY**

**PLACER/SUCTION DREDGE NARRATIVE \*REQUIRED**

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A narrative of the operation is required. Please use this space to describe the access, mining process, environmental protection measures and reclamation measures to be used for the duration of this permit. Use multiple sheets if necessary.

**DESCRIBE ACCESS, PERSONNEL HOUSING AND CAMP LAYOUT:**

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**DESCRIBE PROGRESSIVE STEPS OF MINING METHOD:**

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**DESCRIBE PLANNED RECLAMATION MEASURES INCLUDING TIMELINE FOR RECLAMATION TO TAKE PLACE:**

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**DISCUSS WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS, INCLUDING USE, SOURCE, QUANTITY AND SURFACE WATER/ EROSION MANAGMENT PLAN:**

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**DISCUSS FUEL STORAGE, HANDLING, AND SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PLANS:**

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**DISCUSS HOW THE OPERATION WILL AVOID/MITIGATE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO FISH, WILDLIFE AND CULTURAL RESOURCES:**

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**HARDROCK EXPLORATION TRENCHING and DRILLING**

**(32)**

(Indicate target and trenching locations on sketch sheet and/or topographic map)

**Trenching:**    **Yes**    **No**

Estimated number of trenches to be excavated: \_\_\_\_\_ How long will trenches be open? \_\_\_\_\_

Average Size: Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.    Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.    Depth: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.

**Drilling:**    **Yes**    **No**

Type of Drill(s) Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Holes \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter of Drill Rod/Casing Rod \_\_\_\_\_ (NQ/HQ/H,Etc.)

Drilled: Estimated Maximum Depth: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate how many pumps per water source: \_\_\_\_\_

Will water be used?    Yes    No

Water source name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Describe detailed drill plan, closure, plugging methodology, reclamation and abandonment in project narrative.\***

Trench/Drilling Location and Mining Claim Information			
Trench/Drill ID on Map	ADL/BLM/USMS NUMBER	Decimal Degrees, NAD 83 Datum	
		Latitude	Longitude (approximate)

If more than 8 trenches/drill sites, please provide data in tabular format ([APMA tabular data template for reporting proposed activities and reclamation](#))

**A narrative of the operation is required. Please attach a written narrative to this application. The narrative should include the information to answer the prompts provided below and include any additional information relevant to the proposed activities.**

- 1.) Describe access to property, drill/trench sites, including length and type of access routes. Describe access reclamation measures to be conducted and timeline.
- 2.) Describe exploration method, scope of work proposed, equipment, when and where activities will occur, personnel housing location and camp description.
- 3.) Describe site preparation activities and pre-reclamation measures.
- 4.) Describe pad construction and dimensions.
- 5.) Describe drill core management, to include transportation of core, storage, and removal or disposal from the exploration project.
- 6.) Describe drill waste and drill water management, drill fluids and disposal methods. Attach msds/sds for all substances.
- 7.) Describe fuel handling at exploration drill sites (pads and trenches) and off site (camp or base operations).
- 8.) Discuss spill prevention and response plan.
- 9.) Describe water use including estimate of daily water use.
- 10.) Describe how the operation will avoid and/or mitigate potential impacts to fish, wildlife and cultural resources: describe closure, plugging methodology, surface reclamation and abandonment.



**2023 ANNUAL RECLAMATION STATEMENT**

(34)

- Placer Mining
- Suction Dredging
- Hardrock Exploration

APMA # \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return this statement by December 31, 2023. If you did not operate, fill in your name, check the bottom box, sign, and return form.

In accordance with AS 27.19 (Reclamation Act):

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby file an annual reclamation statement for the 2023 mining operation described in subject Application for Permits to Mine in Alaska. (Submission of this statement does not constitute reclamation approval.)

Volume of material disturbed in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards (Includes strippings and processed material.)

Sluice days last season: \_\_\_\_\_ Cubic yards of material processed daily: \_\_\_\_\_ Annually: \_\_\_\_\_

Total acreage disturbed in 2023: State \_\_\_\_\_, Federal \_\_\_\_\_, Private \_\_\_\_\_. (Includes stripped areas, mining cuts, overburden and tailing stockpiles and disposal areas, temporary stream diversions, stream bypasses, and settling ponds.) Federal operators should include area of camp and access roads.

Length \_\_\_\_\_ feet and Width \_\_\_\_\_ feet of stream diversion.

Stream diversion:  Temporary  Permanent  No Diversion (check one).

Total Area reclaimed in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ acres. \*You must include photographs or videotapes of the completed reclamation work.\*

**All un-reclaimed acres for the operation :** \_\_\_\_\_ (This should match “total acreage currently disturbed” on the 2024 Reclamation Plan Form and 2024 Bond Pool Renewal Form if applicable.)

For areas reclaimed, the following reclamation measures were used (check only measures that were used).

- Spread and contoured tailings
- Spread topsoil, vegetation, overburden muck or fines on the surface of contoured tailings
- Reestablished flood plain with stream channel in stable position
- Ponds are reclaimed
- Backfilled and reclaimed temporary stream diversions
- Camp removed, cleaned up and left free of debris
- Hardrock Exploration: Complete and submit an electronic Annual Reclamation Report

Other Reclamation Measures Taken:

**Did not operate in 2023 and therefore did not conduct reclamation.**

Relationship to Claim(s)

Owner  Lessee  Operator

Agent For: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2024 RECLAMATION PLAN FORM (PLACER EXPLORATION OR MINING)**

<p><b>A. RECLAMATION PLAN</b></p> <p>(REQUIRED if the operation will disturb <b>five or more acres</b> this year, OR 50,000 cubic yards, OR if the operation has a cumulative disturbed area of five or more acres).</p>	<p><b>B. RECLAMATION PLAN VOLUNTARY</b></p> <p>(for an operation below limits shown in Box A but wanting to qualify for the statewide bonding pool. (Operations on BLM Lands and others not filing Letter of Intent).</p>	<p><b>C. LETTER OF INTENT</b> <span style="float:right"><b>(35)</b></span></p> <p>(<b>less than five acres</b> to be disturbed AND less than 50,000 cubic yards AND less than five acres unreclaimed area).</p>
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In accordance with Alaska Statute 27.19, reclamation is required of all mining operations. Reclamation bonding is required of operations with disturbance of 5 acres or greater. Completion of this application will meet the requirements for a "Reclamation Plan" for operations 5 acres and larger in size and for a "Letter of Intent To Do Reclamation" for operations under 5 acres. If you do not intend to use the reclamation methods presented below, you must provide additional information concerning your plans for reclamation under separate attachments.

Total acreage currently disturbed: \_\_\_\_\_ acres. This should match: "Total Unreclaimed Acres" on your 2023 Annual Reclamation Statement for Small Mines, or line #7 on your 2024 Bond Pool Renewal Form. Disturbed ground includes all unreclaimed mining and exploration activity (excluding camps and roads) since October 1991. Federal operators must include areas of camps and roads.  
 New acres to be disturbed in 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ acres. Total acreage (currently disturbed plus new acres): \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

Acreage disturbed by land status: \_\_\_\_\_ State (general) \_\_\_\_\_ State (Mental Health) \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_ Federal

Total acreage to be reclaimed in 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ acres; Total volume of material to be disturbed in 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards.  
 Include strippings and overburden to be removed. Cubic yards = Length (yards) x Width (yards) x Depth (yards).

Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with activity. Reclamation will be conducted at the end of the season.

**THE FOLLOWING RECLAMATION MEASURES SHALL BE USED:**

(These measures are required by law. Those that do not apply may be crossed out; but, an explanation must be given as to why these measures are not necessary at your site.)

- Topsoil, vegetation, and overburden muck, not promptly redistributed to an area being reclaimed, will be individually separated and stockpiled for future use. This material will be protected from erosion and from contamination by acidic or toxic materials and will not be buried by tailings.
- The area reclaimed will be reshaped to blend with the surrounding area using tailings, strippings, and overburden and be stabilized.
- Stockpiled topsoil, overburden muck, will be spread over the contoured exploration sites to promote natural plant growth such that the area can reasonably be expected to revegetate within five years. Stockpiled vegetation will be spread over topsoils.
- Settling ponds located within the active flood plain and necessary for continued use during the next mining season will be protected from erosion or the fines removed.
- If the mining operation diverts a stream channel or modifies a flood plain to the extent that the stream channel is no longer stable, the stream channel will be reestablished in a stable location in the valley flood plain.
- The flood plain will be established as appropriate to accommodate seasonal high-water flood events and prevent undue erosional degradation.
- Exploration trenches will be backfilled. Brush piles, stumps, topsoil, and other organics will be spread on the backfilled surface to inhibit erosion and promote natural revegetation.
- Shallow auger holes (limited to depth of overburden) will be backfilled with drill cuttings or other locally available material in such a manner that closes the hole to minimize the risk to humans, livestock and wildlife.
- At placer drift mine closure, all mine shafts, adits, tunnels, and air vents to underground workings will be stabilized and properly sealed to ensure protection of the public, wildlife, and the environment.
- On state lands; all buildings and structures constructed, used or improved will be removed, dismantled, or otherwise properly disposed of unless the surface owner or manager authorizes that the buildings and structures may stay.
- On state lands; all scrap iron, equipment, tools, piping, hardware, chemicals, fuels, waste, and general construction debris will be removed or properly disposed of.
- Reclamation measures taken will be consistent with any alternate post mining land use approved by the Commissioner, subject to the provisions of 11 AAC 97.300(h) and the conditions (if any) of an approved reclamation plan.

**IMPORTANT:** 1. Alternative reclamation measures may be approved if the reclamation measures presented above are not applicable to your site. Please explain in separate correspondence. Submit a sketch and describe additional reclamation measures you propose to conduct at your operation. Reclamation measures must comply with AS 27.19.

**BONDING:** In accordance with AS 27.19, bonding is required for all operations having a mined area of greater than or equal to five acres on State Land. This area must be bonded for \$750.00 per acre, unless the miner can demonstrate that a third party contractor can do the needed reclamation for less. The Statewide Bonding Pool may be joined by completing a bond pool application form and meeting certain requirements. No reclamation plan approval goes into effect until the bonding pool deposit and annual nonrefundable fees are paid. Use bond form to calculate area of disturbance for bonding.

BLM requires that a reclamation plan be consistent with §43 CFR 3809.420, Performance Standards for the Surface Management regulations for Federal Operations. Refer to 43 CFR 3809 or the BLM minerals website available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/mining-and-minerals> for more information on what is needed for a reclamation plan on Federal lands, as they may be different than those identified above.

<p>_____ Printed name (Applicant)</p> <p>_____ Signature (Applicant)</p>	<p>Relationship to Mineral Property:</p> <p>Owner    Lessee    Operator</p> <p>Agent For: _____</p>	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>APMA #: _____</p>
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**2024 RECLAMATION PLAN FORM (SUCTION DREDGE EXPLORATION)**

<p><b>A. RECLAMATION PLAN</b></p> <p>(REQUIRED if the operation will disturb <b>five or more acres</b> this year, OR 50,000 cubic yards, OR if the operation has a cumulative disturbed area of five or more acres).</p>	<p><b>B. RECLAMATION PLAN VOLUNTARY</b></p> <p>(for an operation below limits shown in Box A but wanting to qualify for the statewide bonding pool. (Operations on BLM Lands and others not filing Letter of Intent).</p>	<p><b>C. LETTER OF INTENT</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(36)</b></span></p> <p>(<b>less than five acres</b> to be disturbed AND less than 50,000 cubic yards AND less than five acres unreclaimed area).</p>
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Total acreage currently disturbed: \_\_\_\_\_ acres. This should match: "Total Unreclaimed Acres" on your 2023 Annual Reclamation Statement for Small Mines, or line #7 on your 2024 Bond Pool Renewal Form. Disturbed ground includes all unreclaimed mining and exploration activity (excluding camps and roads) since October 1991. Federal operators must include areas of camps and roads.  
 New acres to be disturbed in 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ acres. Total acreage (currently disturbed plus new acres): \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

Acreage disturbed by land status: \_\_\_\_\_ State (general) \_\_\_\_\_ State (Mental Health) \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_ Federal

Total acreage to be reclaimed in 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ acres; Total volume of material to be disturbed in 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards.

Include strippings and overburden to be removed. Cubic yards = Length (yards) x Width (yards) x Depth (yards).

Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with activity. Reclamation will be conducted at the end of the season.

**THE FOLLOWING RECLAMATION MEASURES SHALL BE USED:**

(These measures are required by law. Those that do not apply may be crossed out; but, an explanation must be given.)

**Stream Suction Dredge Operations:**

- Reclamation will be completed prior to the end of the mining season. Reclamation will consist of leveling or contouring all gravel bar and stream bed tailings. Tailings will be left in such a manner that spring run-off will level the tailings without causing undue erosion.
- In no case will tailing piles extend more than 18 inches above the water surface at the end of the mining season.
- Prior to the end of the mining season, tailing piles, berms, or wing dams will be removed or left in such a manner to allow unrestricted passage of fish and flood waters.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Offshore Suction Dredge Operations:**

- Tailings discharged from the dredge to the lake, channel, sound, bay or sea floor will be placed in a manner that will approximate the adjacent floor surface. The dredge shall be moved as necessary to allow for the proper low-profile distribution of tailings.
- Tailings will be placed in a manner that will maintain a water depth suitable for safe passage of traffic.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Generally:**

- On all state lands, all buildings and structures constructed, used, or improved will be removed, dismantled, or otherwise properly disposed of unless the surface owner or manager authorizes that the buildings and structures may stay.
- On state lands, all scrap iron, equipment, tools, piping, hardware, chemicals, fuels, waste, and general construction debris will be removed or properly disposed of.
- Reclamation measures taken will be consistent with any alternate post mining land use approved by the Commissioner, subject to the provisions of 11 AAC 97.300(h) and the conditions (if any) of an approved reclamation plan.

**IMPORTANT:** 1. Alternative reclamation measures may be approved if the reclamation measures presented above are not applicable to your site. Please explain in separate correspondence. Submit a sketch and describe additional reclamation measures you propose to conduct at your operation. Reclamation measures must comply with AS 27.19.

**BONDING:** In accordance with AS 27.19, bonding is required for all operations having a mined area of ≥ five acres on State Land. This area must be bonded for \$750.00 per acre, unless the miner can demonstrate that a third party contractor can do the needed reclamation for less. The Statewide Bonding Pool may be joined by completing a bond pool application form and meeting certain requirements. No reclamation plan approval goes into effect until the bonding pool deposit and annual nonrefundable fees are paid. Use bond form to calculate area of disturbance for bonding.

BLM requires that a reclamation plan be consistent with §43 CFR 3809.420, Performance Standards for the Surface Management regulations for Federal Operations. **Refer to 43 CFR 3809 or the BLM minerals website available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/mining-andminerals> for more information on what is needed for a reclamation plan on Federal lands, as they may be different than those identified above.**

<p>_____ Printed name (Applicant)</p> <p>_____ Signature (Applicant)</p>	<p>Relationship to Mineral Property:</p> <p>Owner    Lessee    Operator</p> <p>Agent For: _____</p>	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>APMA #: _____</p>
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**2024 RECLAMATION PLAN FORM (HARDROCK EXPLORATION)**

<p><b>A. RECLAMATION PLAN</b></p> <p>(REQUIRED if the operation will disturb <b>five or more acres</b> this year, OR 50,000 cubic yards, OR if the operation has a cumulative disturbed area of five or more acres).</p>	<p><b>B. RECLAMATION PLAN VOLUNTARY</b></p> <p>(for an operation below limits shown in Box A but wanting to qualify for the statewide bonding pool. (Operations on BLM Lands and others not filing Letter of Intent).</p>	<p><b>C. LETTER OF INTENT</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(37)</b></span></p> <p>(<b>less than five acres</b> to be disturbed AND less than 50,000 cubic yards AND less than five acres unreclaimed area).</p>
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In accordance with Alaska Statute 27.19, reclamation is required of all mining operations. Reclamation bonding is required of operations with disturbance of 5 acres or greater. Completion of this application will meet the requirements for a "Reclamation Plan" for operations 5 acres and larger in size and for a "Letter of Intent To Do Reclamation" for operations under 5 acres. If you do not intend to use the reclamation methods presented below, you must provide additional information concerning your plans for reclamation under separate attachments.

Total acreage currently disturbed: \_\_\_\_\_ acres. This should match: "Total Unreclaimed Acres" on your 2023 Annual Reclamation Statement for Small Mines, or line #7 on your 2024 Bond Pool Renewal Form. Disturbed ground includes all unreclaimed mining and exploration activity (excluding camps and roads) since October 1991. Federal operators must include areas of camps and roads.

New acres to be disturbed in 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ acres. Total acreage (currently disturbed plus new acres): \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

Acreage disturbed by land status: \_\_\_\_\_ State (general) \_\_\_\_\_ State (Mental Health) \_\_\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_\_\_ Federal

Total acreage to be reclaimed in 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ acres; Total volume of material to be disturbed in 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ cubic yards.

Include strippings and overburden to be removed. Cubic yards = Length (yards) x Width (yards) x Depth (yards).

Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with activity. Reclamation will be conducted at the end of the season.

**THE FOLLOWING RECLAMATION MEASURES SHALL BE USED:**

(These measures are required by law. Those that do not apply may be crossed out; but, an explanation must be given.)

- Topsoil, vegetation, and overburden muck, not promptly redistributed to an area being reclaimed, will be individually separated and stockpiled for future use. This material will be protected from erosion and from contamination by acidic or toxic materials and will not be buried by tailings.
- The area reclaimed will be reshaped to blend with the surrounding area using tailings, strippings, and overburden and be stabilized.
- Stockpiled topsoil, overburden muck, will be spread over the contoured exploration sites to promote natural plant growth such that the area can reasonably be expected to revegetate within five years. Stockpiled vegetation will be spread over topsoils.
- Exploration trenches will be backfilled. Brush piles, stumps, topsoil, and other organics will be spread on the backfilled surface to inhibit erosion and promote natural revegetation. All exploration trenches will be reclaimed by the end of the exploration season in which they are constructed, unless specifically approved by the DMLW (Mining operations are required by law to be reclaimed as contemporaneously as practicable with the mining operation to leave the site in stable condition).
- Shallow auger holes (limited to depth of overburden) will be backfilled with drill cuttings or other locally available material in such a manner that closes the hole to minimize the risk to humans, livestock and wildlife.
- All drill hole casings will be removed or cut off at, or below, ground level. All drill holes will be plugged by the end of the exploration season with bentonite holeplug or equivalent slurry, for a minimum of 10 feet within the top 20 feet of the drill hole. The remainder of the hole will be backfilled to the surface with drill cuttings. If water is encountered in any drill hole, a minimum of 7 feet of bentonite holeplug or equivalent slurry will be placed immediately above the static water level in the drill hole. (NOTE: The operator understands that complete filling of the drill holes, from bottom to top, with bentonite holeplug or equivalent slurry is also permitted and is considered to be the preferred method of hole closure, unless communicated otherwise by DMLW.)
- If artesian conditions are encountered, the operator will take all measures practicable to prevent the offsite discharge of those waters subject to 11 AAC 97.240 and will contact the DMLW for approval of hole plugging measures.
- At closure, all shafts, adits, tunnels, and air vents to underground workings will be stabilized and properly sealed to ensure protection of the public, wildlife and the environment.
- On state lands, all buildings and structures constructed, used, or improved will be removed, dismantled, or otherwise properly disposed of unless the surface owner or manager authorizes that the buildings and structures may stay.
- On state lands, all scrap iron, equipment, tools, piping, hardware, chemicals, fuels, waste, and general construction debris will be removed or properly disposed of.
- Reclamation measures taken will be consistent with any alternative post mining land use approved by the Commissioner, subject to the provisions of 11 AAC 97.300(h) and the conditions (if any) of an approved reclamation plan.

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**BONDING:** In accordance with AS 27.19, bonding is required for all operations having a mined area of  $\geq$  five acres on State Land. This area must be bonded for \$750.00 per acre, unless the miner can demonstrate that a third party contractor can do the needed reclamation for less. The Statewide Bonding Pool may be joined by completing a bond pool application form and meeting certain requirements. No reclamation plan approval goes into effect until the bonding pool deposit and annual nonrefundable fees are paid. Use bond form to calculate area of disturbance for bonding.

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<p>_____</p> <p>Printed name (Applicant)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature (Applicant)</p>	<p>Relationship to Mineral Property:</p> <p>Owner    Lessee    Operator</p> <p>Agent For: _____</p>	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>APMA #: _____</p>
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**STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE WIDE BOND POOL RENEWAL FORM  
FOR 2024 OPERATIONS**

APMA # \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Mailing Address City State Zip

Submits to the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, a renewal of reclamation bonding in accordance with AS 27.19 for mining activity on claim's: \_\_\_\_\_.

located in T. \_\_\_\_\_, R. \_\_\_\_\_, Sections \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

The amount of the refund or amount owed was calculated as follows:

- 1. Number of acres bonded in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ acres
- 2. Total number of acres disturbed in 2023? \_\_\_\_\_ acres

This includes unreclaimed acreage from previous years, October 1991 to present, for state or private lands, and 1981 to present for federal claims. On federal claims include area of camp and access roads.

**Bonding credits carried forward from 2023 to 2024:**  
**If you claim any acres in 3 or 4 complete the Bond Pool release form.**

3. Number of acres bonded in 2023 but not disturbed: \_\_\_\_\_ acres x \$ 112.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 minus 2 above)

4. Number of acres reclaimed in 2023 and approved by BLM/DNR. \_\_\_\_\_ acres x \$ 112.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Federal miners must submit a Financial Guarantee Amount Reduction Letter from BLM. All miners requesting a reduction of acreage must fill out the application for Bond Release Form, and include evidence of their reclamation with Photo/Video documentation unless otherwise specified by DNR.**

5. Dollar total of lines 3 + 4: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bonding obligations for 2024:**

6. Number of acres disturbed but not bonded in 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ acres x \$ 150.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Total number of all unreclaimed acres: \_\_\_\_\_ acres x \$ 37.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

(line 7 should match "total acreage currently disturbed" on your 2023 Reclamation Plan. (2 minus 4 above)

8. New acres to be disturbed in 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ acres x \$ 150.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Dollar total of lines 6 + 7 + 8: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Total acreage bonded in 2024 (7 + 8): \_\_\_\_\_ acres

If line 5 is larger than line 9 enter the difference here \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This amount will be refunded.

If line 9 is larger than line 5, the difference is due DNR \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Make check payable to: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed – Miner Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADNR - Division of Mining, Land & Water Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
BLM - Bureau of Land Management Date

**STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE WIDE BOND POOL FORM**

APMA # \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

Submits unto the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, the sum of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

for payment into the State Wide Bonding Pool to meet the bonding requirements of Alaska Statute 27.19 for mining activity located on claim numbers

\_\_\_\_\_  
These claims are located within legal description (Township, Range, Section, Meridian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
This bond amount was calculated as follows:

For **Federal Claims**: The total area of the mining operation, including camp site, access roads, unreclaimed areas,

and areas to be stripped for mining next season is \_\_\_\_\_ acres. Acreage should be rounded to the next whole acre. This acreage must include all areas disturbed by mining operations after January 1, 1981, that have not been approved as reclaimed by BLM. If a mining operation disturbs a previously mined area, that area must also be included in the acreage to be bonded.

For **State and Patented Claims**: The active mining disturbance, not including camp and access roads is \_\_\_\_\_ acres (acreage should be rounded to the next whole acre). This includes all areas that are part of the mining operation; including stripped areas, mining cuts, overburden and tailing stockpiles and disposal areas, temporary or permanent stream diversions, and settling ponds. This acreage must include all areas disturbed by a mining operation after October 15, 1991 that have not been approved as reclaimed by ADNR. If a mining operation disturbs a previously mined area, that area must also be included in the acreage to be bonded.

Refundable bond deposit (new): \_\_\_\_\_ acres X \$112.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Nonrefundable bond pool annual fee (new): \_\_\_\_\_ acres X \$ 37.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Make check payable to 'Department of Natural Resources'. Sign and return form with applicable fees to: DNR - Mining: 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 900B, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577 or 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed - Miner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADNR - Division of Mining, Land & Water

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
BLM - Bureau of Land Management

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF RECLAMATION BOND  
OR  
REFUND OF BOND POOL DEPOSIT**

APMA NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be used to request release of a reclamation bond or a refund of the refundable portion of the bond pool deposit. **If the bond is for operations on federal claims, reclamation approval is required by the federal land manager before DNR will make the bond deposit refund.** If DNR has not inspected reclamation on the mineral property(s), photographs of the completed reclamation work may be required before the bond is released.

List the mineral property(s) that are subject to a release of a reclamation bond reduction, or refund of the refundable portion of the bond pool deposit. Please provide the casefile type (e.g.; ADL/AKFF/USMS) and number, or if Native Land, provide the legal description (MTRS). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: \_\_\_ Reclamation Completed \_\_\_ No Acreage Disturbance \_\_\_ Successor of Interest  
Note: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the above referenced Annual Placer Mining Application (APMA) and approved reclamation plan, the number of acres bonded was \_\_\_\_\_. I request a release of the bonding obligation and a refund of the refundable bond pool deposit for \_\_\_\_\_ acres that have been reclaimed, were never disturbed, or a successor of interest has assumed all liability. I understand bond monies are refundable only to those individuals or businesses originally submitting such, unless proper documentation is enclosed indicating refunds should be issued otherwise.

I hereby swear or affirm, under oath, that I have examined Alaska Statute 27.19 (Reclamation Act), 11 AAC 97 (Reclamation Regulations) and my approved reclamation plan and believe myself to have completed the reclamation to the required standards and in accordance with my approved reclamation plan. Photographs of the completed reclamation work are attached: [ ] Yes [ ] No

I understand if the commissioner determines reclamation was not done in accordance with the approved plan of operations and this sworn statement, I remain liable under AS 27.19 to complete the reclamation.

I certify under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and accurate.

(Signature of Applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY:**

Subscribed and sworn before me this

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF OPERATOR AUTHORIZATION -- MINERAL LOCATIONS**

All operators or lease holders submitting APMAs for operations on mineral locations must submit a "Notice of Authorization" from the owner of record. This notice of authorization must name the operator and leaseholder (if different), the mineral properties by their designation (e.g.; ADL, AKFF, USMS, MTRS) and the time frame (beginning and ending dates) for which the authorization remains in effect. The Division of Mining, Land & Water will only issue a mining authorization for private land, per 11 AAC 97.310.(7), after notarized receipt of this Notice. **Please include it with your APMA.**

**OPERATOR AUTHORIZATION**

**APMA#** \_\_\_\_\_

<p>I, _____, OWNER of mineral property(s):</p> <p><b>List all mineral properties by their casefile number (ADL/AKFF/USMS) or legal description (MTRS).</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Attach additional sheet if necessary)</p> <p>Have authorized _____.</p> <p><b>Address of Operator</b> _____.</p> <p>to operate on these claims from ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____.</p> <p>Owner's Signature _____ Date _____</p>	<p>Check Type of Mineral Property(s)</p> <p>State ADL</p> <p>Federal AKFF/AKAA</p> <p>USMS</p> <p>MTRS (Native Lands)</p>
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**NOTARY**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

For (owner)

(Signature of Notary) \_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires:

**OR** (If the LESSEE and OPERATOR are not the same, both sections must be completed)

<p>I, _____, LESSEE of mineral property(s) :</p> <p><b>List all mineral properties by their casefile number (ADL/AKFF/USMS) or legal description (MTRS).</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Attach additional sheet if necessary)</p> <p>have authorized _____ to operate on these claims from ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____.</p> <p>Lessee's Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Lessee's Address _____.</p>	<p>Check Type of Mineral Property(s)</p> <p>State ADL</p> <p>Federal AKFF/AKAA</p> <p>USMS</p> <p>MTRS (Native Lands)</p>
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**NOTARY:**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

For (Lessee)

(Signature of Notary) \_\_\_\_\_.

My commission expires: