

Appendix D

Other Coordination

- D.1 U.S. Coast Guard
1. EPA letter to USCG (December 19, 2002)
 2. USCG letter to EPA (April 28, 2003)



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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December 19, 2002

Reply To
Attn. Of: OW-130

James Helfinstine
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RE: Goodpaster Bridge Plans and Details
Pogo Gold Mine Project

Dear Mr. Helfinstine:

During our telephone conversation on December 16, 2002 you requested additional information relating to the Goodpaster Bridge construction, as proposed by the applicant, Teck-Pogo, Inc. Enclosed is the Right-of-Way (ROW) application submitted by Teck-Pogo in June 2002. Sheet 3 of 13 in Appendix C, Bridge Crossing Site Plans & Details, provides the information you requested:

- Vertical opening: 11.2 feet
- Horizontal opening: 65 feet C-C
- Elevation of water: 1323.8 feet
- Depth of water way: two to four feet between Pier 1-4
zero between Pier 4 and 6
one to two feet between Pier 6 and 7

I hope the level of detail and information in the ROW application is sufficient for the Coast Guard to make a decision of whether a bridge construction permit for this project is needed or if the construction can be covered under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriations Act. If a permit is needed, it is my understanding from our conversations that the Coast Guard would participate in the review and comment process of the upcoming draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a separate Coast Guard National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis would not be needed.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-0171 or by email at gold.hanh@epa.gov if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hanh Gold", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Hanh Gold
NEPA Compliance Coordinator

Enclosure

cc (w/o encl.): Bill Riley, EPA
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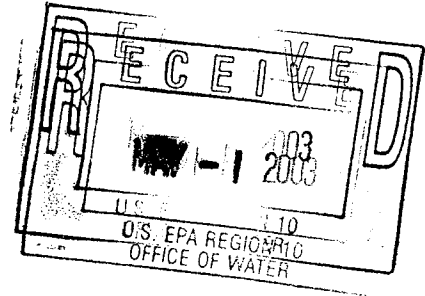


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April 28, 2003

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SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Pogo Gold Mine Project, Delta, Alaska

Dear Ms. Gold:

We are forwarding information as discussed earlier in an effort to help you develop and evaluate navigational impacts on vessels if a bridge structure was constructed across the Goodpasture River near Delta, Alaska as proposed in the Pogo Gold Mine Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Describing the present navigation of the entire waterway and for the reach through the bridge site is the first step in this process.

I have enclosed several sources of information that may help you develop the draft EIS section dealing with navigational impacts. Other sources of information describing the present use of the waterway include the local offices (Delta) of the Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Fish and Game, State and/or Federal Parks Services, Native and Tribal offices, and various guided hunting, fishing and tourist services in Alaska that use the Goodpasture River. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important project.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Helfinstine".

J. N. HELFINSTINE
District Bridge Program Administrator
Aids to Navigation Branch
U.S. Coast Guard
by direction of the Commander

Enclosures: (1) Federal Contacts in Alaska for Navigability-Related Issues
(2) Navigational Evaluation