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Subject: **Mining Regulations, Title 11, Alaska Administrative Code
Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Regulations**

Dear Alaskan:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to revise regulations concerning mining rights in Title 11 of the Alaska Administrative Code. I am writing to explain the proposed regulation changes, why we are proposing this regulation package now, and how this action relates to the ongoing resource management planning process. I invite you to review and comment on these proposed regulations.

Brief Description

DNR is proposing to revise regulations in response to the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 155 (SLA 2020, Chapter 31). The legislative and public scoping processes have assisted DNR in identifying regulation revisions to implement SB 155 relating to the following topics:

- Applicability
- Locations
- Qualifications
- MTRSC and traditional mining claims and leasehold locations
- Certificate of location and first rental payment
- Annual Labor
- Abandonment, relinquishment, and relocation
- Definitions

Why Do We Need These Regulations Now?

DNR is required to amend regulations in Title 11 to implement SB 155 relating to exploration and mining rights; annual labor requirements with respect to mining claims and related leases; statements of annual labor; providing a definition of 'labor'; and providing for an effective date of March 30, 2021. A copy of this legislation is available on our website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/news/>.

Opportunity for Comment

Interested parties are encouraged to review the proposed regulations and submit any comments to the Division of Mining, Land and Water. Enclosed is the official "Notice of Proposed Changes on Mining Rights in the Regulations of the Department of Natural Resources," which lists the specific areas and provides the details regarding the submission of public comment. You can view the proposed regulations on our website at: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/news/>.

For your comments to be considered, DNR must receive them no later than **5:00 p.m. on February 19, 2021**. Comments must be in writing, and they may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the contact information provided below.

Attn: Brandon McCutcheon
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You may also submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Brandon McCutcheon at the contact information listed above. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period (by **February 9, 2021**). DNR will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and agency website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/news/>.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, go to the agency website at the link provided above, or contact Brandon McCutcheon at the contact information provided above.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Brandon McCutcheon by email at dnr.mining.regulation@alaska.gov or by phone at 907-269-8511 no later than **February 9, 2021**, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposed regulations. The DNR looks forward to reading your comments and suggestions.

Respectfully,

[Signature on File]

Martin Parsons
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