

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, March 6, 2008

- 1) Call to order – John Shively, President
- 2) Self Introductions
- 3) Headtable Introductions
- 4) Staff Report – Jason Brune, Executive Director
- 5) Program and Keynote Speaker:

**The North Aleutian Basin: Exploring
Common Ground Between Oil & Fishing**

Gregg Nady, Commercial Team Leader for
Alaska, Shell Exploration and Production, Brian
Allee, Director, Alaska Sea Grant Program,
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Next Meeting: March 20: Mayor Edward Itta, North Slope Borough

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Governor Palin Names Energy Coordinator

March 5, 2008, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today named Steven Haagenson to serve as energy coordinator and executive director of Alaska Energy Authority. Haagenson retired as president and chief executive officer of Golden Valley Electric Association in 2007.

As energy coordinator, Haagenson will lead the state's efforts in developing a strategic energy plan.

"Steve is a proven leader, known for his strategic planning ability," Governor Palin said. "As chair of the Fairbanks Cost of Energy Taskforce, he was instrumental in the development of a strategic business plan addressing electric generation, heating and transportation. His skills will be invaluable as we work toward a statewide strategic plan that will meet the unique challenges of the Railbelt, the Interior and Southeast Alaska and help us achieve our goal of affordable and reliable energy for Alaskans."

Haagenson received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in engineering management, both from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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January 4, 2008

**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED UNDER AGIA
AND CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pursuant to AS 43.90.160, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) and the Alaska Department of Revenue (ADOR) give public notice and provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on all applications deemed complete under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA).


On July 2, 2007 the State issued a Request for Applications (RFA) under AGIA. Five applicants met the statutory deadline: A Energia, LLC, the Alaska Gasline Port Authority, the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority, Little Susitna Construction Company, Inc. ("Sinopec ZPEB"); and, TransCanada Alaska Company, LLC/Foothills Pipelines, Ltd. ("TransCanada").

Before releasing applications for public review and comment, AGIA requires the Commissioners of Natural Resources and Revenue to determine whether each application meets the requirements set forth in AGIA. To aid in this "completeness review," the Commissioners sent letters requesting clarifying information to each applicant, and received responses to those requests. The Commissioners concluded that the following application is complete under AGIA: TransCanada.

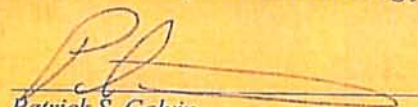
AGIA's statutory requirements include critical commercial, procedural, and Alaska-sensitive elements. The requirements are a reasonable balance between what the state needs, and what a gasline proponent can profitably deliver. AGIA used competition to drive applicants to meet the state's demands, and AGIA was successful: an applicant has proposed a project that complies with every statutory requirement. For example, the project contains a timeline with explicit progress benchmarks; it commits to holding a timely open season to solicit capacity on the line, and provide terms to encourage shipping commitments be made in that open season; it proposes financial provisions that will keep tariff rates low; it commits to evaluate the need for pipeline expansion at least every two years -- and to expand the line when there is sufficient need; it expedites obtaining state and federal approval; and it meets the needs of Alaskans with in-state gas and labor opportunities. AGIA has produced an application that meets the state's requirements, and will receive careful consideration.

We now begin the public comment phase of the AGIA process, whereby the public will review the TransCanada application, and provide comments to assist the Commissioners in their determination of whether the application proposes a project that sufficiently maximizes the benefits to Alaskans and merits issuance of a license under AGIA. If, after reviewing public comments and completing their own analysis, the Commissioners find that the complete application meets that test, they will forward it to the legislature for approval.

We thank you for your participation in this important state endeavor, and look forward to receiving your comments.


Tom Irwin

Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources


Patrick S. Galvin

Commissioner, Alaska Department of Revenue

- All five AGIA applications are available on-line at <http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/agia/>
- A hard copy of the complete application can be viewed at each Legislative Information Office. A list of the 22 LIOs statewide, and the contact information for each, can be found at <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/misc/lios.php>.
- Hard copies of all applications can be viewed at all ADNR Public Information Centers (PICs). A list of the 3 PICs, and the contact information for each, can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/pic/>

The commissioners invite the public to comment, for 60 days, on the complete application. To be considered in the commissioners' evaluation, comments must be received no later than:

March 6, 2008, 5:00 p.m., Alaska time

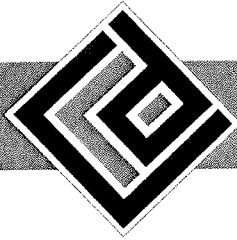
Comments may be mailed to:

**AGIA License Office
State of Alaska, Department of Revenue
550 West 7th, Avenue, Suite 1820
Anchorage, AK 99501**

or faxed to: (907) 771-3930, Attn: Chris Rutz/Lana Steinert

or submitted on-line at: <http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/agiacomments/>

The State of Alaska complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Documents can be made available in an alternative communication format upon request. Contact: Jason Burke, State of Alaska ADA Coordinator, Voice/TTY: (907) 465-6929, E-mail: jason.burke@alaska.gov.



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ACTION ALERT

Yukon Flats NWR Land Exchange

Deadline for Comments: March 25, 2008

Overview:

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is considering a land exchange in the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge with Doyon Limited, the largest private landowner in the refuge. Created in 1980, the refuge is comprised of 11 million acres, roughly the size of Maryland. Doyon owns 2 million acres within the refuge boundary. In 2004, USFWS and Doyon tentatively agreed to the terms of a land exchange. The Department of Interior initially determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was not required. Doyon and others, however, requested an EIS, given it would offer residents in the Yukon Flats more details on the potential impacts of the trade and potential development in the area.

Under the proposed trade, Doyon would turn over 150,000 acres rich in fish and game resources, including prime waterfowl habitat in the wet low lands of the refuge. In exchange, Doyon would receive oil and gas rights to 200,000 prospective acres. However, Doyon would have surface rights to only 110,000 of those acres, most of which is in the uplands with lesser habitat values. The remaining acreage would be reached only by directional drilling. If Doyon discovers and produces oil and gas on the lands acquired through the exchange, the Service would receive a production payment equal to 1.25% of the value at the wellhead and a commitment from Doyon to sell up to 120,000 acres more land to the USFWS. In addition, Doyon would reallocate 56,000 acres of remaining entitlement within the refuge to locations outside the refuge.

Birch Creek is the closest community to the land trade area and the Birch Creek Tribal Council and its leadership support the trade. Doyon is supportive of both the Proposed Action Alternative and Alternative 1. Detailed information on the alternatives and the overall EIS can be found at:

http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com/yukon_flats/

Action Requested:

1. **Testify** in support of the land exchange at one of the following public meetings:

Fairbanks

Thursday, February 21st, 5 p.m., Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street

Anchorage

Tuesday, March 4th 5 p.m., Public Conference Room, Loussac Library, 3600 Denali St.

2. **Submit written comments** in support of the Yukon Flats land exchange before March 25, 2008

Mail: Yukon Flats EIS Project Office, c/o ENSR
1835 South Bragaw, Suite 490, Anchorage, AK 99508

Online Comments: http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com/Yukon_Flats/Comments.aspx

Points to consider in your testimony and letter:

- The proposed land exchange is in the public's best interest as it would allow the USFWS to achieve its conservation goals and consolidate land ownership.
- The exchange would allow the agency to acquire many of the highest-priority fish and wildlife habitats on Doyon lands.
- The land exchange would allow Doyon to consolidate its holdings within the refuge so it can improve the economics of drilling for oil and gas. The entire flats show favorable signs of oil and gas, but the highest petroleum potential lies under land proposed for exchange.
- The Yukon Flats could hold significant quantities of natural gas and oil. The U.S. Geological Survey offers a mean estimate of 5.5 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas and 173 million barrels of recoverable oil. A recent private-sector assessment estimates the area could hold 300 million to almost 1 billion barrels of oil and 15 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The area is potentially another energy province on the scale of Cook Inlet and could hold two Alpine-size oil fields.
- If oil and gas are discovered, many public benefits would be generated, including billions of dollars pumped into Alaska's economy. State revenues would grow and new energy supplies would flow into the American market.
- The land exchange and subsequent discovery of energy resources would allow for the creation of a long-term economic base in an economically-disadvantaged part of rural Alaska. Development would create 1,000 or more good paying jobs. It would help fulfill ANCSA's promise to enhance social and economic well-being of Native people, creating jobs and other opportunities for Doyon shareholders.
- Other benefits include village and regional Native corporation revenue sharing under ANCSA, which means more revenue statewide for these entities.
- The land exchange does not include the biological heart of the refuge.
- If all of the areas under the exchange turned into development opportunities, less than one percent of the Yukon Flats would be disturbed.
- Doyon will proceed with development opportunities, with or without the land exchange. If there is no exchange, there is increased potential for development in high value habitat areas of the refuge. With the trade, there is more land for Doyon to explore, land considered low in habitat value with little subsistence use.

RDC Action Alert: *Tulsequah Chief Mine Project*

Deadline for comment has been suspended (updated 02/27/08)

Overview:

The State of Alaska announced a public review and comment period for the Tulsequah Chief Project Air Cushion Barging Proposal. A proposal to move mine product via Air Cushion Barge (ACB) and amphitrac by way of the Taku River from the mine site to Juneau was submitted by Redfern Resources, Ltd., the mine owner. The Alaska Coastal Management Program will review the project for consistency.

The Tulsequah Chief Mine Project is a polymetallic mine located in British Columbia, near the Taku River. The mine is expected to generate \$24 million annually for Southeast Alaska, with a minimum eight-year life expectancy. Approximately 20 – 30 direct jobs will be created in Juneau, and approximately 250 jobs at the mine site. Operation and success of this project will open the door to other projects in the area, creating sustainable employment opportunities.

Redfern Resources has contracted to have the amphitrac created for this project, to specifically protect the land and waters. The amphitrac, along with the ACB, both have very low ground-pressure, which will minimize ground disturbance. The ACB can safely travel over land or water in extreme conditions. The transportation vessels will avoid salmon spawning habitats and will be monitored to avoid and minimize disturbance.

The mine proposal also includes clean up of the waste rock from original mining operations from the 1950s. While the mine is not located on the U.S. side of the border, the benefits of the clean up will positively impact the Taku River, and other nearby waterways.

The Alaska Large Mine Team, consisting of representatives from various departments, all with expertise in mine development, has been invited by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans to participate in the review of the project. This team will ensure the project meets or exceeds the permitting standards in Alaska. This will ensure the protection of water quality and fisheries.

For additional information, refer to the Public Notice located at:

<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/tulsequah/publicnotice.htm>

Action Requested:

Attend a public meeting February 4, 2008, in Juneau at the Juneau Centennial Hall, Ballroom 3, located at 101 Egan Drive, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

Submit comments in support of the Tulsequah Chief Mine Project ACMP permit.

Submit written comments to:

Tulsequah Chief Project Comments

Attn.: Tom Crafford, Mining Coordinator

ADNR/Office of Project Management and Permitting

550 West Seventh Ave., Suite 900D

Anchorage, AK 99501

Comments may also be sent via email to: tom.crafford@alaska.gov

Faxes may be sent to (907) 269-8930.

Points to consider for your comments:

The design of the project's transportation equipment will minimally impact the area. The wake generated by the water equipment is small, and the Air Cushion Barge and amphitrac both have very low ground pressure, reducing potential impact to a minimum.

Access to the site will accelerate clean up efforts of waste rock from mining operations in the 1950s, which will help maintain clean water.

The mine is expected to generate \$24 million annually for Southeast Alaska, with an eight-year life expectancy. Approximately 20 – 30 direct jobs will be created in Juneau, with approximately 250 jobs at the mine site. Operation and success of this project will open the door to other projects in the area, creating sustainable employment opportunity.

Alaska's Large Mine Team will ensure the Tulsequah Mine Project meets or exceeds Alaska's permitting standards to protect water quality and fisheries.

Issuance of the permit will eliminate potential impacts of a road or other ground transportation methods to the environment.

During operation, efforts to avoid conflict of area resources, including fishing and fish habitat, will be implemented.

Deadline for comment has been suspended (updated 02/27/08)

Judge rules against clean-water initiative

DECISION: Ballot proposal infringes on Legislature's role in allocating resources.

By STEVE QUINN
The Associated Press
(03/01/08 00:26:59)

JUNEAU -- A Superior Court judge in Fairbanks has ruled a clean-water ballot initiative is unconstitutional because it usurps the Legislature's duty of allocating state resources.

The ruling, announced Friday, covers an initiative that could derail development plans for the Pebble mine project, an enormous gold and copper deposit in Southwest Alaska. The proposed mine has pitted the project's backers against commercial and sportfishermen and subsistence users.

"Initiative law in Alaska requires that the Legislature retain discretion to allocate public assets such as water to all uses, including large-scale metallic mining, and not just to salmon and downstream communities," Judge Douglas L. Blankenship wrote.

Blankenship said banning the water use to large-scale mining "changes the function of water from mining use to only human or fish use and foils the Legislature's role as the sole appropriator under the Alaska Constitution."

The proposed Pebble mine sits near the world's most productive wild sockeye salmon stream in Southwest Alaska. Its development prospects have become one of the state's most divisive resource issues.

The Renewable Resources Coalition has collected signatures in two initiative drives to have voters decide whether to impose several restrictions on large-scale metallic mining operations statewide. The other initiative was upheld by Blankenship.

The initiative that was struck down places five prohibitive measures on mining on operations greater than 640 acres.

One provision includes barring a "mining operation from releasing any amount of toxic pollutant into water that is used for drinking water or by salmon."

Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell, who rules on the validity of ballot initiatives, first rejected the coalition's initiative. But after Superior Court Judge Fred Torrisi rejected Parnell's decision, Parnell approved the ballot language.

In doing so, he then became a defendant in the Fairbanks case, whose opponents include the developers of Pebble mine, estimated to be one of the world's largest ore deposits.

Anchorage attorney Thomas Amodio, who represented the initiative opponent and trade group, the Council of Alaska Producers, says the voters cannot delineate the use of the waters.

"The initiative is making an appropriation of state assets -- in this case water," Amodio said. "And you can't do that by initiative.

"The Legislature clearly has the power to make an appropriation or repeal an appropriation, but it's not within power of people by an initiative. It's pretty clearly laid out."

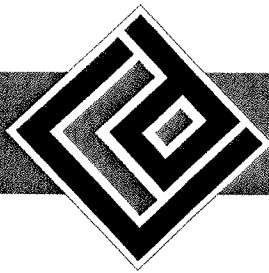
Initiative backer Art Hackney said Renewable Resource Coalition's work is not designed to "preclude mining."

"It sets a standard for how you protect the clean water," Hackney said. "It's the basis for an existing industry -- fishing. No standards are in place to protect the existing resource."

Both sides say Blankenship's ruling is likely not the last, and expect the Alaska Supreme Court to make the ultimate decision.

"It's important to get certainty and finality on these significant water and mining issues," Parnell said in a prepared statement.

"Though the decision will likely be appealed, it brings us one step closer to an Alaska Supreme Court decision on whether the initiative is the proper route for deciding these issues or whether that is the Legislature's exclusive domain," he said.



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February 12, 2008

Representative Kyle Johansen
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 13
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 355: Open and Transparent Initiative Act

Dear Representative Johansen:

On behalf of the Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc., (RDC), I am writing in support of the concepts and spirit of House Bill 355, the Open and Transparent Initiative Act.

RDC is a private, non-profit business association comprised of individuals and leading companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, forest products, fisheries and tourism industries. The association's membership also includes construction companies, local communities, Native corporations, organized labor, and a wide range of industry-support firms. RDC's mission is to grow Alaska's economy through the responsible development of the state's natural resources.

Although we sometimes may question the appropriateness and the role of the petition process as a means of governing, RDC appreciates the democratic rights of Alaskans to change state law through the initiative process. However, as we have seen over the last several years, a number of proposed initiatives have been brought forward that do not have the best interest of the state nor its people in mind. Furthermore, tactics are often used in the signature gathering process that mislead the public and misconstrue the issues and impacts at play.

RDC believes that openness and transparency must be at the forefront of good government. This should apply when individuals are trying to gather signatures to put items on our ballots. Unfortunately, many of RDC's members have witnessed the contrary. Standards must be put in place to ensure a candid process and we applaud the bill's author and co-sponsors for introducing this bill. We look forward to working with you to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jason Brune
Executive Director
Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

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Alaska Miners Association 21st Fairbanks Biennial Conference

Arctic International Mining Symposium

March 18 - March 22, 2008
Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Center
Fairbanks, Alaska

For more information contact:
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Deadline for Early Registration is February 18, 2008

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Please contact Bill McDonnell (907) 456-6861
Email: William.b.mcdonnell@wellsfargo.com

Short Courses

Alaska Mineral Aggregates and Construction Materials, Tuesday March 18

Dr. Paul Metz – University of Alaska, Fairbanks: (907) 474-6749, Email: ffpam@uaf.edu

The Short Course is open to all. Participants need not be an AMA member and need not be registered for convention. The short course reviews Alaska's historical production of these commodities, published geological and engineering data available in Alaska, and focuses on market opportunities for new aggregate and construction material ventures. Specific topics included in the course are: an overview of the availability of construction materials in Alaska, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) aggregate needs, materials information from maps, materials testing, and property rights and construction materials. The course will convene from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks. Registration Fee: \$125, includes lunch.

Lecturers: Dr. Paul Metz – University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Thomas Bundtzen – President, Pacific Rim Geological Consultants.

Permitting of Large Mining Projects, Tuesday March 18

Tom Crafford – Alaska Department of Natural Resources (907) 269-8629, tom.crafford@alaska.gov

The Short Course is open to all. Participants need not be an AMA member and need not be registered for convention. This short course shall provide an overview of the DNR large mining project permitting process, including case examples. The course will convene from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks. Registration Fee: \$125, includes lunch.

Lecturer: Tom Crafford, Large Mine Project Manager, Office of Project Management and Permitting

Career Planning Panel for High School and Beyond, Wednesday March 19

"What a Kid Needs to Know for a Career in the Minerals Industry"

Dr. Rajive Ganguli – University of Alaska, Fairbanks: 907-474-7212, Email: ffrg@uaf.edu
or Don Gray: 907-457-5737, Email: dcgray@mosquitonet.com

The Short Course is open to all. Participants need not be an AMA member and need not be registered for convention. Two panels of select university and industry representatives discuss what preparation in high school and beyond is needed by potential job-seekers in the worldwide mining industry. Tips to prepare for openings in mining and the minerals industry for HS grads to PhD's.

Technical Sessions

David Szumigala, Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys: (907) 451-5025; Email zoom@dnr.state.ak.us, Rajive Ganguli: (907) 474- 7212; Email: ffrg@uaf.edu

Morning Sessions 8 – 11:00 AM

Wednesday Morning, March 19

Placer Deposits, Aggregates and Industrial Minerals

Wednesday Afternoon, March 19

Mine Operations

Thursday Morning, March 20

Arctic Mineral Deposits

Afternoon Sessions 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Thursday Afternoon, March 20

Northern and Interior Alaska Geology

Friday Morning, March 21

Impact of Arctic Climate Change

Friday Afternoon, March 21

Overview of Current and Planned Infrastructure Projects Related to Mining

Poster Sessions

Gang Chen, Department of Mining & Geological Engineering: (907) 474-6875; ffgc@uaf.edu

Posters will be displayed during the duration of the Conference. Presentations will feature detailed project level investigations as well a regional overviews of mineral tracts throughout Alaska.

Field Trips

William Brophy, Usibelli Coal Mine: (907) 452-2625 ext. 232, Email bill@usibelli.com

Field Trip # 1: Pogo Gold Mine – Tuesday, March 18, 2008. Depart Westmark Hotel at 7 a.m. by bus to tour the new Pogo Mine located 145 km southeast of Fairbanks in the upper Goodpaster River Valley. The Pogo deposit has a defined probable gold resource of 7 million tonnes grading 16.12 g/t. The Pogo Mine began production in 2006 with expected annual gold production of 350,000 to 450,000 ounces over the 10 year life of the mine. Register early. Seats are limited. First come, first served. Registration fee: \$250.

Field Trip #2: Fort Knox Mine Tour – Saturday, March 22, 2008. Depart Westmark Hotel at 8 a.m. by bus to tour the Fort Knox Mine operated by Fairbanks Gold Mining Co., subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corp. This open-pit mine is 42 km northeast of Fairbanks and mined by conventional open pit methods. The Fort Knox Mine will have produced 4 million ounces of gold by the time of the field trip at an average grade of 0.025 ounces per ton (0.857 g/t) Au. A new heap leach facility is projected to continue gold production through 2017. Registration fee: \$125.

Trade Show

Karl Gohlke, Frontier Plumbing Supply Inc.: (907) 374-3500, Karl@FrontierPlumbing.com

A three-day trade show held at the Westmark Hotel is a staple of the conference and offers an opportunity to visit companies and government agencies offering products and services to support Alaskan mining projects. The trade show is open to conference registrants and the general public.

Conference Schedule

	Tuesday March 18	Wednesday March 19	Thursday March 20	Friday March 21	Saturday March 22
Breakfast	Field Trip to Pogo Gold Mine departs from Westmark Hotel MSHA Miners Refresher Course 8:00 am, NC Machinery Co.	Buffet 7 a.m.	Miners & UAF Breakfast 7 a.m.	Buffet 7 a.m.	Field Trip to Fort Knox gold mine departs from Westmark Hotel
Morning Session	Short Course Alaska Mineral Aggregates and Construction Materials- Westmark 8 a.m. – 12 pm Short Course Permitting Large Mining Projects - Westmark 8 a.m. – 12 pm	Placer Deposits, Aggregates, and Industrial Materials 8 - 11 a.m.	Arctic Mineral Deposits 8 – 11 a.m.	Impact of Arctic Climate Change 8 – 11 a.m.	
Luncheon	Short Course Lunch	Luncheon	Luncheon	Luncheon	
Afternoon Session	Short Course continued 1 - 5 p.m.	Mine Operations 2 – 5 p.m. Career Planning Panels 2 – 3:15 p.m.	Northern and Interior Alaska Geology 2 - 5 p.m.	Overview of Current and Planned Infrastructure Projects Related to Mining 2 - 5 p.m.	
Evening		Suppliers Cocktail Reception 5 – 8 p.m. AMA Board Meeting 7 – 8 p.m.	Miners Hall of Fame Reception & Presentations 6:30 – 9 p.m.	Miners Reception & Banquet 6 – 10 p.m.	

Conference Schedule

Travel Information

Jessica Potrikus (907) 474-7388; Email: rnjimp@uaf.edu

Hotel

The Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Convention Center is providing rooms at the special rates of \$89US (single or double) and \$109US (Suite). Reserve your room early. To receive these rates, you must contact Westmark Hotel directly at: (800) 544-0970 and identify yourself as a registered participant in the AMA Biennial Conference.

Special Events

Three Day Trade Show

A three-day trade show and suppliers' exhibit will feature products and services available to support mineral ventures in Alaska. A special room adjacent to the Trade Show is being provided to suppliers who wish to make scheduled presentations about their products and services during the Conference (**Attention prospective Trade Show exhibitors** - Please contact Karl Gohlke-(907) 374-3500 Email KarlG@FrontierPlumbing.com to reserve exhibit space and presentation times.)

Suppliers Reception

The official ice-breaker for the Conference is Wednesday, March 19 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This reception is well attended and is an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues a wide range of industry suppliers. Registration includes a ticket for one drink. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided courtesy of the trade show exhibitors and reception sponsors. Meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

Daily Luncheons

The Conference Committee has made a special effort to engage authoritative luncheon speakers for each day of the Conference. Be in the know. Space is limited. Reserve your seat by registering today!

Miners & Friends of UAF Breakfast

Thursday morning March 20, 7:00 a.m. Enjoy an early start to a full day of conference activities with a real miner's breakfast and an update on the University of Alaska Mining and Geological Engineering Programs and the evolution of the UAF School of Mineral Engineering to a part of the College of Engineering and Mines. Space is limited.

Miners Hall of Fame

Thursday evening, March 20, 6:30-9:00 p.m. A reception and evening program to recognize the contributions that have been made by Alaska's mining pioneers. This event is a highlight of the Conference and is always of great interest to miners and the general public.

Miners Reception & Banquet

Friday evening, March 21, at the Westmark Hotel, Gold Room, Cost: \$50.00. A full evening of enjoyment begins with a no host cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by banquet meal service to begin at 7:00 p.m. The event will include the AMEREF drawing with an extensive list of prizes. Other features of the evening will include awards presentation and a short lighthearted program. Banquet tickets may be purchased in advance or will be available at the registration booth.

AMEREF Raffle

First prize is a package of two Alaska Airline round trip tickets to any Alaska Airlines North American destination city (except the East Coast) including Mexico. In addition, the AMEREF raffle has scores of other significant prizes and there will be a silent auction for special items at the Thursday evening banquet. Raffle drawings will take place throughout the Conference, with winning tickets replaced so that early winners still have a chance for the Grand Prize. Good odds; good cause.

AMEREF Board Meeting

The AMEREF Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, March 19.

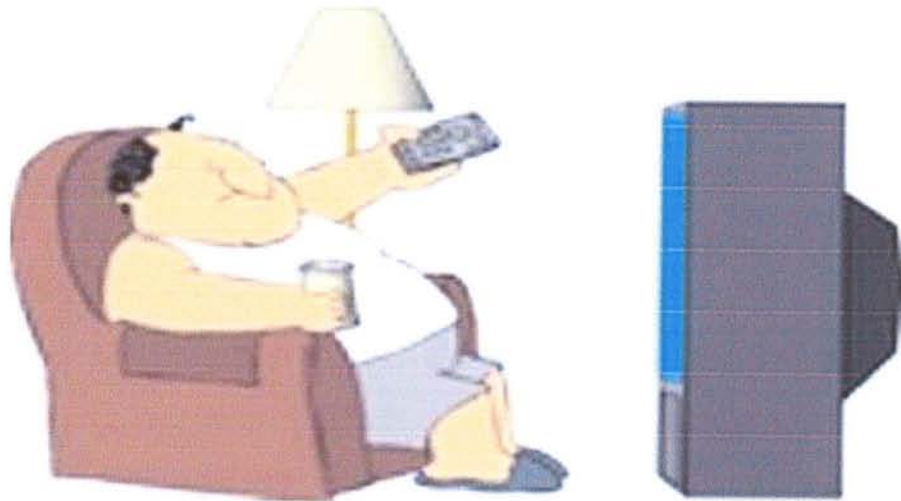
MSHA Miners Refresher Course

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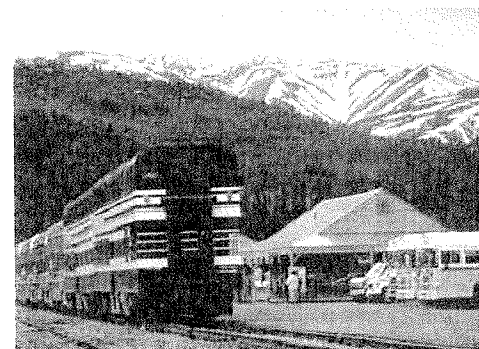
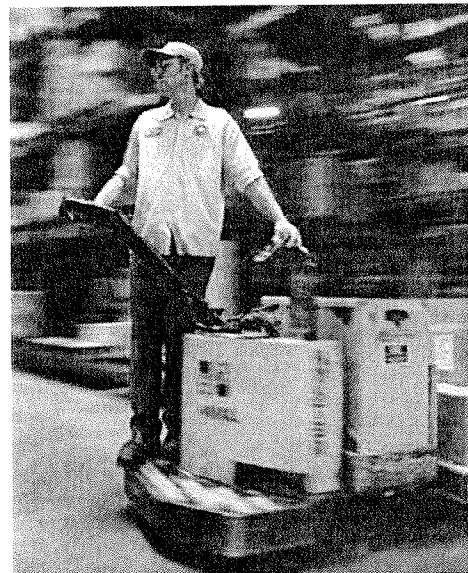
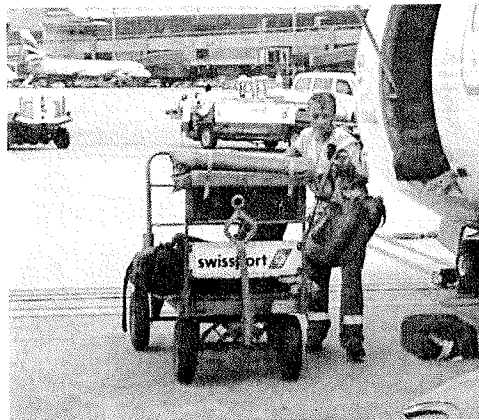
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