



RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, October 2, 2008

- 1) Call to order – Rick Rogers, President
- 2) Self Introductions
- 3) Headtable Introductions
- 4) Staff Report – Jason Brune, Executive Director
- 5) Brief Comments – Representative Kyle Johansen
- 6) Program and Keynote Speaker:

**Update On Nome Operations:
Rock Creek Start-Up**

Carl Gagnier, Vice President, Operations,
NovaGold Resources

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 16: Rob Gordan, Senior Advisor for
Strategic Outreach, The Heritage Foundation

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Sponsor Statement from:

Representative Kyle Johansen R - District 1

RELEASED: February 19, 2008

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HB355 - Disclosure Of Contributions: Initiatives

“An Act requiring the disclosure of the identity of certain persons, groups, and nongroup entities that expend money in support of or in opposition to ballot initiatives and the aggregate amounts of significant contributions or expenditures made by those persons, groups, and nongroup entities.”

Status: (H) JUD >> (H) FIN : 2008-03-27

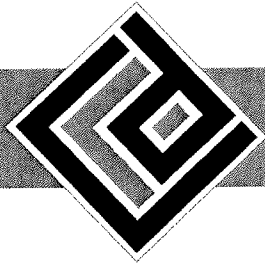
Alaska's lawmaking process - in order to maintain its high regard, importance and legitimacy - must be as open and transparent as possible. The integrity of the initiative process must also be protected. HB 355, or the Open and Transparent Initiative Act (OTIA), is a reasonable step towards those goals as it introduces a better way to inform Alaskans about how ballot initiatives are funded.

HB 355 seeks to identify individuals and groups who financially contribute for or against initiative campaigns, requires registration of an initiative group with the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) and requires on-line filing of disclosure forms. These guidelines are similar to those imposed upon elected officials.

Initiative-created law has the same authority and effect as law created by elected officials. Therefore voters should be allowed to know who is making law through the initiative process. The legislation would make the initiative process more available to public scrutiny. HB 355 improves Alaskans' accessibility to information that is important to consider before casting their vote.

Initiative committees are required to disclose financial contributions, but their disclosures are not published in a timely manner or available on the internet to be easily accessed by the public. APOC does have a website that displays initiative committee information, but it is not current and the information provided is minimal. HB 355's electronic filing requirement remedies this situation.

In short, OTIA seeks to allow Alaskan voters to make the most informed decision as possible, and knowing who financially contributes to initiatives is a significant part of that decision.



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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.

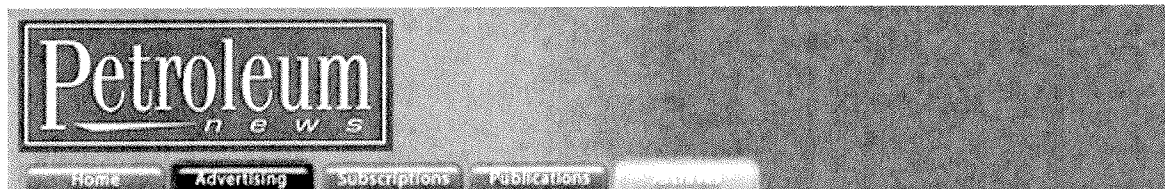
Although we sometimes may question the appropriateness and the role of the petition process as a means of governing, RDC appreciates the democratic rights of Alaskans to change state law through the initiative process. However, as we have seen over the last several years, a number of proposed initiatives 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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NEWS BULLETIN

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September 2008

Lawmakers revive gas reserves tax initiative

A group of state lawmakers have revived a measure to tax Alaska natural gas reserves.

Rep. Harry Crawford, D-Anchorage; Rep. David Guttenberg, D-Fairbanks; and Rep. Beth Kertulla, D-Juneau recently filed paperwork for a proposed ballot initiative to levy a 3-cent tax for every thousand cubic feet of known gas reserves in large fields in Alaska.

The measure is nearly identical to one filed several years ago by Crawford, Guttenberg and then-Rep. Eric Croft, D-Anchorage. Following a lengthy and expensive public relations effort by oil companies and vigorous debate on both sides of the issue, voters opposed the measure by a ratio of nearly 2-to-1 during the 2006 elections.

Both measures serve the same purpose: to prompt lessees to develop North Slope natural gas resources. Those resources currently remain stranded because the infrastructure to carry Alaska gas to markets in the Lower 48, Canada or overseas does not exist.

Since the previous ballot measure failed, though, two proposals for building that multi-billion dollar pipeline have made significant strides. A state-sponsored effort by the Canadian pipeline company TransCanada, and a BP and ConocoPhillips joint venture called Denali both plan to hold open seasons on separate pipelines in 2010.

Crawford told Petroleum News on Sept. 29 that he would cancel the new reserves tax if the North Slope lessees committed gas to a pipeline that met the set of 20 requirements, or "must haves," set out by the state under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act.

As the licensee under that act, only TransCanada is required to meet those 20 must haves.

The measure filed last week would apply to all units created since 1990 and known to contain at least 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas of proven, but unproduced reserves.

Under that definition, the measure would certainly cover the gas contained in the Prudhoe Bay and Kuparuk River units, but the sponsors believe the measure would not cover the Point Thomson unit because of a recent state decision to terminate the unit.

ExxonMobil, the unit operator at Point Thomson, is challenging that decision in court.

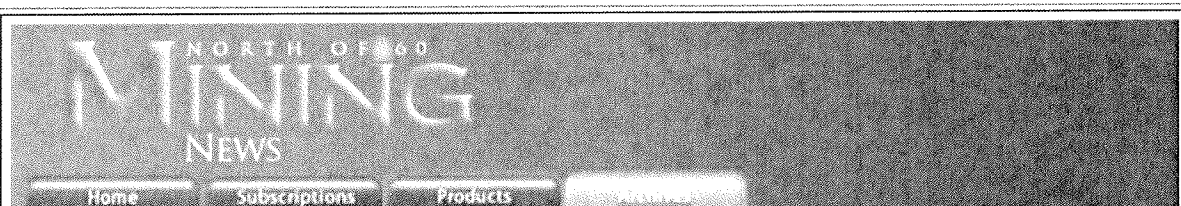
The new measure would allow leaseholders to reclaim the entire tax through annual credits. The previous measure included a similar provision, but stopped reimbursing companies after 2030. The newly proposed measure contains no such deadline.

See full story in Oct. 5 issue of Petroleum News, available to subscribers online at noon, Friday, Oct. 3 at www.PetroleumNews.com

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Mining News: Is the Nova brightening or fading?

**After selling non-core assets, NovaGold explores
“strategic alternatives” to advance Galore and Donlin;
Rock Creek begins production**

Shane Lasley

North of 60 Mining News

NovaGold Resources Inc. experienced more than a 30 percent drop in stock value when the Vancouver B.C.-based junior reported it is selling more than 485,000 acres of its non-core mining assets in Alaska, and that sale of the entire company is one of the options managers are considering as a “strategic alternative to maximize shareholder value.”

“We just wanted to signal to the market that we think we are really undervalued here. These assets are high-quality assets in a low geopolitical risk location, and so we want to maximize shareholder value, so we are going to look at a number of different opportunities here,” NovaGold President and CEO, Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse told Mining News Sept. 19. “We are executing our strategic plan, which is to focus on gold, focus on our three core assets; Nome operations, Donlin Creek and Galore Creek, and looking at ways to enhance shareholder value.”

With the sale of NovaGreenPower in July, the spin-out of its non-core Alaska properties to Mantra Mining Inc., and the Sept. 18 startup of operations at the Rock Creek gold mine in Northwest Alaska – the junior miner is now investigating the best way to advance its other two huge projects, the Donlin Creek gold project in Alaska and the Galore Creek copper-gold project in British Columbia.

Two feasibility studies expected in ‘09

NovaGold and joint venture partner Teck Cominco expect to release a new operation plan for the Galore Creek project by the end of the month. Development of the project was

suspended after a review indicated that capital costs had increased to around \$5 billion.

The NovaGold CEO also gave a preview of what to expect in the new Galore Creek operation plan. He said the new plan calls for a longer tunnel and shorter road. The tunnel would be used to move the crushed ore to a processing facility located outside Galore Creek Valley.

Nieuwenhuys explained that by processing the ore outside the valley that receives large amounts of rain, the Galore Creek partners can prevent building a large and very expensive water retention dam that would have been needed to process ore inside the valley.

Teck funded the C\$30 million operation plan and also will pay for a feasibility study expected out in late 2009.

Meanwhile, NovaGold expects to complete a feasibility study for Donlin Creek during the first quarter of 2009. NovaGold and joint venture partner Barrick Gold U.S. Inc said the preferred design includes processing about 50,000 metric tons of ore per day using onsite diesel and wind cogeneration for power. Using this design, Donlin Creek would operate for 25 to 30 years and could produce 1 million to 1.5 million ounces of gold annually. Permitting is scheduled to start in early 2009 with construction targeted for 2012.

All options are on the table

In an environment of increasing capital costs and a stock market that is not friendly to junior mining companies, NovaGold is investigating all of its options to advance these two mammoth projects.

“We still have these two great big projects. Do we look at selling one to pay for the other? Do we look at reducing our interest in them? Do we look at M&A (merger and acquisition) opportunities? Those are all the things that we are looking at,” Nieuwenhuys said.

The company, which has been approached by several groups, is also considering strategic investments.

“There is a lot of money floating around China, Russia, (and) the Middle East looking for a home,” Nieuwenhuys told Mining News. “We are knocking on a lot of doors, and our door is being knocked on as well”

Hard road to production

NovaGold made the highly-anticipated transition from explorer to miner on Sept. 18, when production began at its Rock Creek gold mine on the outskirts of Nome.

Nieuwenhuys described reaching production at Rock Creek as “a hard, hard road.” The final bumps in the road were due to problems with the storm-water drainage plan for the facility, pointed out by Mother Nature when last winter’s record accumulations of snowfall melted.

When the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Jan. 3 in favor of a permit originally issued in August 2006 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NovaGold hoped to be

producing gold by April.

Significant adverse weather conditions combined with weather damage to the water recycle pond and extra work relating to storm-water pollution prevention requirements (compounded by unusually high snowfall) resulted in extended delays starting up production at Rock Creek.

The complications associated with the site's storm-water pollution plan prompted Alaska regulators to issue a Notice of Violation related to Rock Creek's lack of preventative measures for storm-water discharges from its construction site.

Crews worked throughout the summer repairing damage caused by spring run-off and addressing the water management concerns of regulators. Regulators approved the start of production at Rock Creek.

Explorer becomes producer

Ink had not dried on the final approvals from regulators when crews at the mine began feeding ore through the mill. The nearly 450,000 metric tons of stockpiled ore is enough to feed the plant for three months at full capacity.

NovaGold is targeting a three-month ramp-up to full capacity production at the mill, which has nameplate operating capacity of 6,500 metric tons per day. Crews will start feeding the mill at 25 percent, increasing to 50 percent by the end of the first month, 75 percent by the end of the second month, and reaching 100 percent by the end of the year.

Once full production is reached the operation is expected to turn out 100,000 ounces of gold per year. The main pit at Rock Creek has a measured resource of 500,000 ounces.

NovaGold's CEO said the company's objective over the next year is to add an additional 500,000 ounces to that resource, providing 1 million ounces to the junior miner during the next 10 years.

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NEWS RELEASE

September 25, 2008

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COOK INLET BELUGA POPULATION HOLDS STEADY FROM 2007

The Cook Inlet beluga whale population has held steady from last year's count of 375 animals, based on NOAA's Fisheries Service latest annual survey.

NOAA's Fisheries Service scientists conducted aerial surveys in early June during fish migrations, when belugas concentrate near river mouths, including the Susitna and Little Susitna rivers, Knik Arm, and Chickaloon Bay.

NOAA's Fisheries Service scientists flew over upper Cook Inlet on seven days between June 3 and 12, manually counting the belugas while taking photographs and video of the whales.

Scientists later carefully examined the images to provide a more complete estimate of the total number of beluga whales in the inlet.

When scientists reanalyzed the 2008 survey observations, the population estimate remained the same as last year —375.

In 2007, NOAA's Fisheries Service accepted a petition to list the Cook Inlet beluga population as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. A final determination following completion of the population status review is due in October.

NOAA's Fisheries Service declared the Cook Inlet beluga population depleted in 2000 under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The population, however, has not recovered as hoped. Alaska native groups have been allowed to hunt the whales under co-management agreements with NOAA's Fisheries Service, with restrictions on how many whales could be taken in a given year. Between 1999 and 2007, hunters took five beluga whales for subsistence in Cook Inlet, down from 308 between 1995 and 1998. There was no subsistence hunt for beluga whales in 2008.

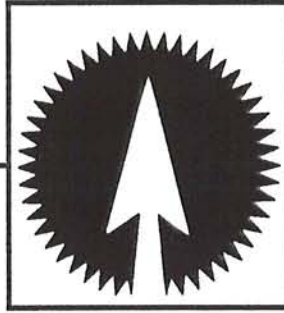
Cook Inlet belugas are one of five beluga populations recognized within U.S. waters. The others are Bristol Bay, eastern Bering Sea, eastern Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea.

The Cook Inlet beluga population estimates since 1994 are:

1994: 653
1995: 491
1996: 594
1997: 440
1998: 347
1999: 367
2000: 435
2001: 386
2002: 313
2003: 357
2004: 366
2005: 278
2006: 302
2007: 375
2008: 375

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September 15, 2008

Honorable Ted Stevens
Stevens for Senate
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Dear Senator Stevens:

*Sent to all 5 major House & Senate candidates
All are confirmed.*

The Alaska Forest Association (AFA) would like to thank you for agreeing to participate in our candidate's debate which is being held as part of our annual meeting in Anchorage. The debate is scheduled for October 16, 2008 at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown from noon until 2:30 pm. The debate will have two segments. The first will be from 12:30 to 1:30 and will focus on the U.S. House candidates. The second segment will be from 1:30 to 2:30 and will feature the U.S. Senate candidates. This debate is being co-sponsored by the Resource Development Council, the Alaska Miners Association and the Oil & Gas Alliance. At past debates, attendance has exceeded 250.

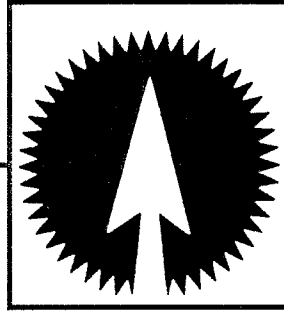
The debate format will be similar to other debates AFA has hosted in the past. It will focus on natural resource development related questions. There will be a series of written questions provided prior to the debate, prepared questions that will be asked at the debate and, if time allows, random questions from the audience and questions from the candidates themselves. Debate rules and times to respond to questions will be provided to you prior to the debate.

Any questions regarding the debate should be directed to the debate moderator, John Sturgeon (562-3335) or the AFA office in Ketchikan (225-6114). If you or your staff would like an industry specific briefing by any or all of the sponsoring organizations prior to the debate, please contact us.

Sincerely,

John Sturgeon
Debate Moderator

Alaska Forest Association, Inc.



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TO: AFA Members
FROM: Liz Stone
RE: 51st Convention Update
DATE: September 24, 2008

Plans for the **51st AFA annual convention** are well underway and we hope to see all of you there. A final meeting schedule and another registration form are enclosed. If you haven't registered yet, please do so at your earliest convenience so we can have your name tags ready and get an accurate count of participants.

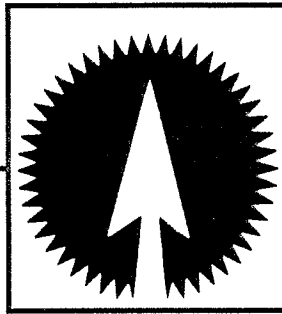
We are pleased to announce that once again we are cosponsoring with the Resource Development Council, the Alaska Miners Association and The Alliance a debate featuring the State House and Senate candidates. Thank you to **First Bank and DeLisio, Moran, Geraghty & Zobel** for once again sponsoring this luncheon!

The Associate members are busy planning the Red Suspender party for Thursday evening. The proceeds from the auction benefit both the Associate Member Scholarship Fund and the Don Bell Alaska Loggers Scholarship Fund. If you wish to ship your auction item, please send it to:

Kenmore Northwest, Inc
Attn: Parts Department
Hold for AFA Scholarship Auction
2838 Porcupine Drive
Anchorage, AK 99501

There is still some booth space available. If you are interested in a space, just let us know.

We are looking forward to celebrating AFA's 51st convention and to seeing everyone. Don't hesitate to call me with any questions.



Alaska Forest Association
Annual Meeting Schedule
October 15-17, 2008
Anchorage Marriott Downtown

Wednesday – October 15

1:00 pm – 5:00	Tongass Timber Trust – Valdez/Skagway Room
9:00 am – 5:00	Registration – Lobby
9:00 am – 5:00	Associate Booths - Lobby
5:30 pm – 7:00	Opening Reception – Kenai/Denali Rooms

Thursday – October 16

8:00 am – Noon	Timber Issues – Juneau/Haines Rooms
8:00 am – 5:00	Registration – Lobby
8:00 am – 5:00	Associate booths – Lobby
Noon – 2:30	Lunch – Fairbanks/Anchorage Rooms
2:30 pm – 5:00	Timber Issues Continued – Juneau/Haines Rooms
2:30 pm – 3:30	Associate Members Meeting – Kenai Room
5:30 pm – 9:00	Red Suspenders Party – Anchorage Room

Friday – October 17

8:00 am	General Membership Meeting – Juneau/Haines Room
8:15 am - Noon	Board of Directors Meeting - same

ALASKA FOREST ASSOCIATION

51st Annual Convention

October 15-17, 2008

Anchorage, Alaska

- MEETING REGISTRATION FORM -

Name(s) _____

Company _____

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Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

All registrants will receive a name badge that will serve as admission to the meetings and activities. No refunds will be made after October 1, 2008.

Number of individuals attending:

AFA Member Registrants _____ @ \$175.00 each = \$ _____

AFA Member Spouse Registration _____ @ \$175.00 each = \$ _____

Non-AFA Member Registration _____ @ \$275.00 each = \$ _____

Number of individuals participating in each event:

Opening Reception _____

Thursday Lunch _____

Red Suspender Party _____

Booth Space (no charge): _____ Yes _____ No

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AMA Registration Form

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November 3 – November 9, 2008**

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Individual Member\$95.00 _____
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 Corporate.....Call AMA office for information _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Member Registration\$160.00 _____
 Non-Member Registration\$210.00 _____
 Student Registration.....\$20.00 _____
 Surcharge after Oct.15, 2008.....\$25.00 _____

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, November 5
 Luncheon\$32.00 _____
Thursday, November 6
 Mining District Breakfast.....\$25.00 _____
 Luncheon.....\$32.00 _____
Friday, November 7
 UAF School of Mines Breakfast\$25.00 _____
 Luncheon\$32.00 _____
 Banquet\$60.00 _____

Total A _____

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Short Course #1 (Nov. 3 - Nov. 4 in the Sheraton Hotel)
 "Ultramafic Mineral Deposit Models"
 Pre-Registration\$300 _____
 After Oct 15\$350 _____
 Student Rate\$50 _____
 (Registration Fee Includes Lunch)
 I want Continuing Education Credits (fee paid at class) yes ___ no ___

Short Course #2 (Nov. 3 - Nov. 4 in the Sheraton Hotel)
 "Water Management for Mining"
 Pre-Registration\$300 _____
 After Oct 15\$350 _____
 Student Rate\$50 _____
 (Registration Fee Includes Lunch)
 I want Continuing Education Credits (fee paid at class) yes ___ no ___

Short Course #3 (Oct. 31 – Nov. 4 in the Sheraton Hotel)
 "Certified Mine Safety Professional (CMSP)"
 Pre-Registration\$1825 _____
 After Oct 15\$1900 _____
 (Registration Price Includes Lunch and Fee for Certification Exam)
 I want Continuing Education Credits (fee paid at class) yes ___ no ___

Short Course #4 (Nov. 10 in the Sheraton Hotel)
 "MSHA Surface Refresher"
 Pre-Registration No charge _____
 (Pre-registration is required. Lunch is not included)

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Deadline for Pre-Registration is October 15, 2008

Save Money with Pre-Registration!

Register early and pay a reduced registration fee. To take advantage of this reduced fee you must return the following registration form to the AMA office on or before October 15, 2008. Members of the AMA qualify for an even greater reduction for convention registration. Non-members may take advantage of this lower rate by joining the AMA when they register.

Student Poster Session

Students interested in mineral exploration, engineering, operations, management, economics, reclamation, environmental permitting and other subjects pertinent to the mining industry are invited to present their research and technology posters to attendees. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discuss career opportunities and challenges with professionals in multiple disciplines. Poster sessions will be held on **Wednesday November 5th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

Space is limited. For information contact Sarah McClay at (907) 947-7724 or smcclay@millrockresources.com.

AMA Short Courses

Short courses are open to all (need not be an AMA member and need not be registered for the convention).

Short Course #1:

Ultramafic Mineral Deposit Models

Instructor: Dr. Michael Zientek, USGS

Time: 8:30am – 5:30pm, Mon - Tues Nov 3 - 4.

Cost: \$300, \$350 after Oct 15. Fee includes lunch.

Enrollment is limited to 55 participants. **Optional fee payable at class** for University of Alaska Continuing Education Credits. A Comprehensive overview of the geology of PGE, Ni-Cu and Cr deposits associated with mafic and ultramafic rock sequences. Geochemistry, mineralogy, petrology and grade and tonnage models for these deposit types will also be discussed. **Location:** Sheraton Hotel

Short Course #2:

Water Management for Mining

Coordinator: Bill Jeffress – SRK Consulting Engineers and Clyde Gilespe, Coeur Alaska.

Time: 8:30am – 5:30pm, Mon - Tues Nov 3 - 4.

Cost: \$300, \$350 after Oct 15. Fee includes lunch.

Enrollment is limited to 70 participants. **Optional fee payable at class** for University of Alaska Continuing Education Credits. **Location:** Sheraton Hotel
Mine Hydrology and water management will cover all aspects of collection, compilation and evaluation, hydrologic studies,

water quality studies, and characterization of mine materials that may affect water quality throughout the mine life cycle – exploration, development, operation, and closure.

Short Course #3:

Certified Mine Safety Professional (CMSP) – Training and Certification

Instructor: International Society of Certified Mine Safety Professionals

Time: 5-days, 8:30 – 5:30, Friday – Tuesday, Oct 31 through Nov 4. **Cost:** \$1825, \$1900 after Oct. 15. Price includes lunches and the fee for the certification exam. **Optional fee payable at class** for University of Alaska Continuing Education Credits. This short course provides credits toward National Certification. The examination for certification will be conducted at the conclusion of the class, fee for exam included in course price. **Location:** Sheraton Hotel

Short Course #4:

MSHA Surface Refresher

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Sat Nov 8.

Cost: Free – Pre-registration required. Lunch not included.

Location: Sheraton Hotel

TRADE SHOW

Attend the Trade Show during the convention.
Many mineral industry suppliers will participate.

Open to the public

Wednesday, November 5, 8:00am – 6:30pm

Thursday, November 6, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Friday, November 7, 8:00am – 2:00pm

ROCK & MINERAL SHOW

Rock and mineral displays. Trade, buy and sell.

Open to the public

Friday, November 7, 5-9pm; Saturday, Nov 8, 10-5pm;

Sunday, Nov 9, 10-4pm in the Yukon and Kuskokwim

Rooms 2nd floor at the Sheraton Hotel.

Technical Sessions

Wednesday Morning, November 5

Agency Geologic Investigations

Updates by USGS, BLM, and DGGs scientists on Alaska work programs in progress or completed during the past year.

Wednesday Afternoon, November 5

Exploration Project Highlights

An overview of various early stage exploration projects from around the State of Alaska. The session will include project talks on Southeast, Southcentral, Interior, Southwest, Western and Northern Alaska.

Thursday Morning, November 6

AMA Session: Issues Affecting Alaska Miners

This session will update miners on current industry issues.

Thursday Afternoon, November 6

Alaska Exploration Projects

Presentations will give highlights of 2008 exploration activities in Alaska and updates on specific properties.

Friday Morning, November 7

Water Management for Mining

Overviews of water management issues, concerns, and responsibilities for exploration and mining operations in Alaska.

Friday Afternoon, November 7

Development and Mine Operations

Current mine development projects will be discussed as well as updates on selected mining operations.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship opportunities are available at a variety of levels for the convention, short courses, coffee breaks, student poster sessions, and other events. Sponsors receive personal recognition at the event and they receive promotion through the convention website and convention materials. For more information contact Sharon Cox at the Alaska Miners Association.

AMA Schedule of Events

		Monday Nov. 3	Tuesday Nov. 4	Wednesday Nov. 5	Thursday Nov. 6	Friday Nov. 7	Saturday Nov. 8	Sunday Nov. 9
Breakfast					Mining District Breakfast 7:00am	UAF School of Mines & Friends Breakfast 7:00am		
Morning Session	Friday Oct. 31 thru Tuesday Nov. 4 Short Course #3 Certified Mine Safety Professional (CMSP) 8:30am-5:30pm Sheraton Hotel	Short Course #1 Ultramafic Mineral Deposit Models	Short Course #1 (Continued)	Agency Geologic Investigations 8:00-11:00am	AMA Session Issues Affecting Alaska Miners 8:00-11:00am	Water Management for Mining 8:00-11:00am	Short Course #4 MSHA Surface Refresher 8am-5pm Sheraton Hotel Rock & Mineral Show (10:00am-5:00pm) Yukon and Kuskokwim Rooms	Rock & Mineral Show 10:00am-4:00pm Yukon and Kuskokwim Rooms Sheraton Hotel
Luncheon		Short Course #2 Water Management for Mining	Short Course #2 (Continued)	Luncheon	Luncheon	Luncheon		
Afternoon Session		Short Course #3 (Continued)	Short Course #3 (Continued)	Exploration Project Highlights 2:00-5:00pm	Alaska Exploration Projects 2:00-5:00pm	Development and Mine Operations 2:00-5:00pm		
Evening				Suppliers Cocktail Reception 5:00-7:00pm	History Night 7:00-9:00pm	Miners' Banquet 7:00pm		

Special Events

Attention Prospective Trade Show Exhibitors!

Please call AMA. Various suppliers to the mining industry are represented at the trade show.

Trade Show Silent Auction: Rock Specimens from Alaska
Donations accepted! Contact Anita Williams at awilliam@alaska.net.

Suppliers' Reception

Meet your friends and view the trade show exhibits at an opening mixer from 5:00-6:30pm on Wednesday, November 5. A ticket good for one drink is included in your registration packet. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided courtesy of the trade show exhibitors. Cash bar.

Mining District Breakfast

Have breakfast with your friends and hear the latest news from various mining districts around Alaska. The breakfast will be held at 7:00am, Thursday November 6. Space is limited.

History Night – Alaska Mining Hall of Fame –

“The Kennecott Story”

The induction of new members will be held at 7:00pm, Thursday November 6. Open to the public.

UAF School of Mines & Friends Breakfast

Obtain the latest news on activities in the UAF School of Mineral Engineering. Attend breakfast with fellow alumni and school supporters at 7:00am Friday, November 7. Space is limited.

Miners Banquet

The AMA Convention wraps up with the Miners' Banquet on Friday evening at 7:00pm. Dinner, entertainment, the AMEREF Raffle drawing, presentation of awards, and visiting with friends combine for an exciting evening. No host cocktails available at 6:30pm.

Rock and Mineral Show

Displays of rocks and minerals from around Alaska. Trade, buy and sell. Open to the public. Friday, November 7 (5:00-9:00pm), Saturday, November 8 (10:00am-5:00pm), and Sunday, November 9 (10:00am-4:00pm) in the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rooms.

Sheraton Hotel Arrangements

Book by October 15 and the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel will provide rooms at the special rate of \$105 (single or double). Reserve your room early. **You must contact the Sheraton Hotel directly for room reservations.** When calling, state that you are attending the Alaska Miners Convention to receive these special rates.

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As Alaska turns 50, our future is brighter than ever with exciting opportunities across our resource sectors. However, many challenges stand before our state's industries that need to be resolved in order to change opportunity into reality. RDC's 29th annual conference, **Alaska Resources 2009**, will bring these opportunities and challenges to the forefront and provide timely updates on new and ongoing projects across Alaska's resource industries.

This year's event will be held in the brand new Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage. This stunning, high-tech venue will provide expanded space for our conference, including a large exhibit area. Networking breaks and receptions will be held in a bright atrium with panoramic views of the Chugach Mountains. Free Wi-Fi will be provided, so bring your laptop and soak in the incredible setting.

We expect strong attendance again this year, with hundreds of key business leaders from Alaska, the Lower 48 and Canada, as well as government policy makers and regulators. Conference attendees will be treated to a diverse and knowledgeable slate of speakers, an audience of decision makers, networking opportunities, as well as gourmet breaks and lunches, and a VIP reception.

Please join us for Alaska Resources 2009: Alaska at 50. We look forward to your support and participation!

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- Federal Update on Alaska Gas Pipeline Projects
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 - Alaska Resource Industries: 2009 Forecast
- Preempting The Permitting Process Through Ballot Initiatives
 - The Pebble Project: 2009 & Beyond
 - Solutions to Alaska's Energy Crisis: A Long-Term Plan
- The Endangered Species Act: Should Alaska's Industries Be Listed As Endangered?
 - Alaska Native Corporations: A Look At The Year Ahead
 - Foreign Investment In Alaska: What Would We Do Without It?

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Governor Sarah Palin*

Marc Spitzer,* Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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RDC members \$300, Non-members \$375 (includes Individual Membership for 2009)

RDC members \$350 and non-members \$425 (As of Monday, November 10, 2008)

Please note that if you or your organization are sponsoring the conference, you may be entitled to complimentary registrations and will not be required to register online. Please visit the sponsor page to see the list of current sponsors or contact RDC staff for assistance.

Register online at www.akrdc.org or return this form to:

Resource Development Council, 121 W. Fireweed Lane, Suite 250, Anchorage, AK 99503

Fax: (907) 276-3887.

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You are invited to participate in other opportunities such as the George Schmidt Raffle & Silent Auction at the Alaska Miners Association Banquet on November 7, 2008 by donating a prize or silent auction item. AMEREF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing Alaska's students with the knowledge to make informed decisions relating to mineral, energy, and forest resources (tax ID 92-0117527).

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Due to popular demand, exhibit space has been expanded!

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