

Rigorous permitting works.

Permitting is a transparent process that reviews technical data to objectively evaluate a proposed project. The permitting process happens at the federal, state, and local levels, assessing if a project can be built in an environmentally responsible manner.

1 Science drives the evaluation of proposed development.

The **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** (USACE) has conducted a diligent, thorough and **transparent, science-based, technical review of the Project.**

2 Permitting requires reclamation and closure bonds up front.

Financial assurances are **required for all mine operations** and must be posted before construction begins. The amount is **reviewed every five years.**

3 Alaskans believe in due process, fairness, and regulatory stability.

Alaska trade associations are **steadfast in support of the established process** and the level of rigor undertaken by cooperative agencies evaluating resource projects.



Why the Project is Safe

This is one of several fact sheets related to developing the Pebble Deposit. Read FAQs and more by visiting www.PebbleUpdate.com

Permitting is objective.

The Pebble Partnership applied for federal permits to develop a portion of the Pebble Deposit. This application triggered an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** under the **National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)**.

The process, led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) with **11 entities serving as cooperative agencies**, included extensive study and public meetings.

- Draft EIS distributed in 2019
- Preliminary EIS distributed February 2020
- Final EIS distributed July 2020
- Federal Record of Decision (ROD) expected Fall 2020

The EIS was **prepared by an independent engineering firm** with oversight by the USACE. The ROD does not green light the Project. It demonstrates that the plan, as proposed, meets stringent regulatory requirements. **The Project now moves into the state permitting process, which is expected to take roughly three years.**



The Federal EIS

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared so that federal decision makers have a complete picture of a project's benefits and potential environmental impacts.

It includes robust scientific data, addresses all public comments, and considers extensive input from federal, state, local, and tribal cooperating agencies.

Federal, State, and Local EIS Cooperating Agencies

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Coast Guard

Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Department of the Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Safety &
Environmental Enforcement

Advisory Council on Historic
Preservation

State of Alaska (Department of
Natural Resources, Department of
Environmental Conservation, and
Department of Fish & Game)

Curyung Tribal Council

Lake & Peninsula Borough



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