

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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Subject: GP 88-02 Placer Mining Fill Discharge Permit Modification AK 0612-12J

Dear Ms Wright:

Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Coastal District staff reviewed the above referenced project for consistency with KPB Coastal Management Program enforceable policies. This project seeks a consistency determination for modification and reissue of the subject permit for a period of five years.

### Description and Scope

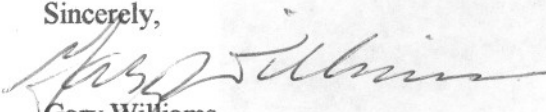
The Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes to re-issue and re-name General Permit (GP) 88-02P, previously issued under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This GP currently authorizes the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands, for the purpose of placer mining in the State of Alaska. The Corps proposes to re-issue the permit for an additional five years and will be re-named GP 2006-1944 due to necessary Corps' administrative changes. Essentially, the changes authorize the District Engineer (DE) to authorize discharges provided The DE or designee, determines that the proposed activity would be minor and would not have more than minimal individual or cumulative adverse impacts on the environment. The DE must still conduct consultation with appropriate Federal and State regulatory and resource agencies before issuing a permit.

### Finding

The changes to GP 88-02 do not significantly change the environmental protections required of placer mining operations to a degree that would be contrary to the enforceable policies of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Williams  
Coastal District Coordinator