

Wishbone Hill Air Permit - Public Comment Open!

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Dear Friend, we need your help!

For the past four years, Usibelli Coal Mine has been working with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation on an application for a minor air quality permit. Our permit application is now out for public comment and we would appreciate your support!

Please direct written statements or requests relevant to Usibelli's application for Air Quality Control Minor Permit AQ1227MSS04 to Aaron Simpson by mail at PO Box 111800, Juneau, AK 99811, by facsimile at (907) 465-5129 or send e-mail to aaron.simpson@alaska.gov. **Comments must be received by 5:00pm, Monday, April 14th.**

Points to Consider:

- This permit requires Usibelli to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards at the permit boundary.
- UCM is applying for this permit because they plan to operate a coal processing facility, including a crusher and a wash plant.
- UCM will reclaim the mined land as they progress through the pit to help reduce the open mining footprint.
- Gravel mine roads will be watered with a dust palliative, similar to other gravel roads in Alaska.
- UCM submitted an ambient air quality analysis demonstrating that the impacts associated with the Wishbone Hill mine comply with the No2 and PM-10 ambient air quality standards.
- The permit includes adherence to a fugitive dust control plan.
- Dust monitoring requirements will ensure that UCM performs visual surveys at regular intervals.
- The public access control plan proposed by Usibelli is reasonable considering the EPA guidance of administering the ambient air quality boundary.
- UCM has demonstrated compliance with the ambient air quality standards in the permit.

Facts about Usibelli Coal Mine and the Wishbone Hill Project:

- Usibelli Coal Mine (UCM) is an Alaskan owned and operated coal mining company.
- UCM has mined coal in Healy, Alaska since 1943.
- UCM has provided jobs for Alaskans for nearly 70 years
- UCM began restoring previously mined lands before it was required by the government.
- Coal exploration at Wishbone hill began in 1983.
- The mine was completely permitted by 1992.
- This mining permit is renewed every five years.
- Wishbone Hill is a zero discharge mine.
- At full production, Usibelli estimates 500,000 tons of coal will be mined each year.
- UCM plans to employ between 75-100 people.

Additional information: <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/ap/WishboneHill.htm>

Thank you for support of the Wishbone Hill project. Please don't hesitate to contact Lorali if you have questions or concerns.

Public comment ends at 5:00pm, Monday, April 14th. Please send in your comments today!

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*I support your 100% on Wishbone Hill Permit
as it will jobs to the area.
Bring thanks*

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