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## Statement from Governor Bill Walker on Donlin Mine

Praises engagement, commitment to highest environmental and regulatory standards

APRIL 27, 2018 ANCHORAGE – Governor Bill Walker on Friday released the following statement on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' issuance of a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Donlin Gold mine project:

"This is great news for Alaska, a major step toward development of a gold mine that would bring jobs to the Yukon-Kuskokwim region and help utilize Alaska's vast natural resources. The Donlin Gold project still has a long way to go in the permitting process before construction and operations can begin, but the company has already proven its commitment to engage local stakeholders and make sure all development is responsible and minimizes impacts on nearby communities and the environment."

- Governor Bill Walker

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