

# Protect Mother Kuskokwim

## From Donlin Gold Mine

Donlin is a threat to our culture, our children, and our food. Our waters and fish are far more precious than gold!



**Protect the Water. Protect the Fish.**

### What's The Risk?

Donlin is more than just a mine. As the largest proposed open-pit pure gold mine in the world, it will need infrastructure to support its operation, including increased barge traffic on the Kuskokwim River, and a proposed 316-mile long pipeline with impacts across the state. **What does this mean for residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim region?**

- **Waste that will stay on our lands** - 59,000 tons of ore waste processed everyday and tailings dam with toxic water.
- Increased **barge traffic that will impact smelt and other subsistence** and cause more erosion on the Kuskokwim.
- Impacts to air & water quality, land, & human health: Increased **levels of mercury & arsenic concentrations in water, soil, & fish pose serious risks for mothers, pregnant women, & young children.**
- 6,500 acres of **wetlands disturbed or destroyed** and 32.7 miles of streams directly destroyed.
- Impacts from a 316-mile natural gas pipeline, including **increased infrastructure, impacts to permafrost and salmon streams**

### Tribal & Local Opposition

Our people have spoken. There are countless resolutions against Donlin by **over a dozen tribes, YKHC, AVCP (representing 56 tribes), The National Congress of American Indians** and more. Yet even with this strong opposition the state & federal agencies have **failed to listen** to our sovereign governments. We want meaningful government-to-government consultation.

“Studies are being done, but none can predict the effects of mercury, arsenic, cyanide, & other disruptions in the Yukon-Kuskokwim ecosystem in 100 years, **when our grandchildren are living here . . . [and] failure would devastate the fisheries on the Kuskokwim River & its tributaries**, thus negatively impacting the health of the people of the region.”

- Y-K Health Corporation Resolution No. 16-04-04

“Even when all safety measures are exercised, there are disastrous accidents prone to happen due to human error when the mine support activities are carried out, & we can all imagine the devastation to the Kuskokwim fish & wildlife & every person that relies on the Kuskokwim River for their livelihood should this catastrophe occur.”

- AVCP Resolution 19-09-10

**Why would we want foreign companies spoiling our lands and waters?**

**If the Canadian company goes bankrupt, Alaska and our communities will be left holding the bag of waste, damage, and remediation costs.**

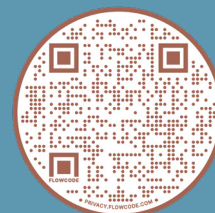


### Take Action

The Donlin Gold Mine would undeniably alter the landscape in vast ways that have not been adequately and honestly addressed. It is vital that the Army Corps provides extensive analysis of the project and the impacts it will have on the region.

Encourage President Biden to revoke the Trump era 404 permit and provide a fair, balanced and rigorous process that is led by the people of the region as prescribed by law.

Scan the barcode below with a smart phone to sign the petition



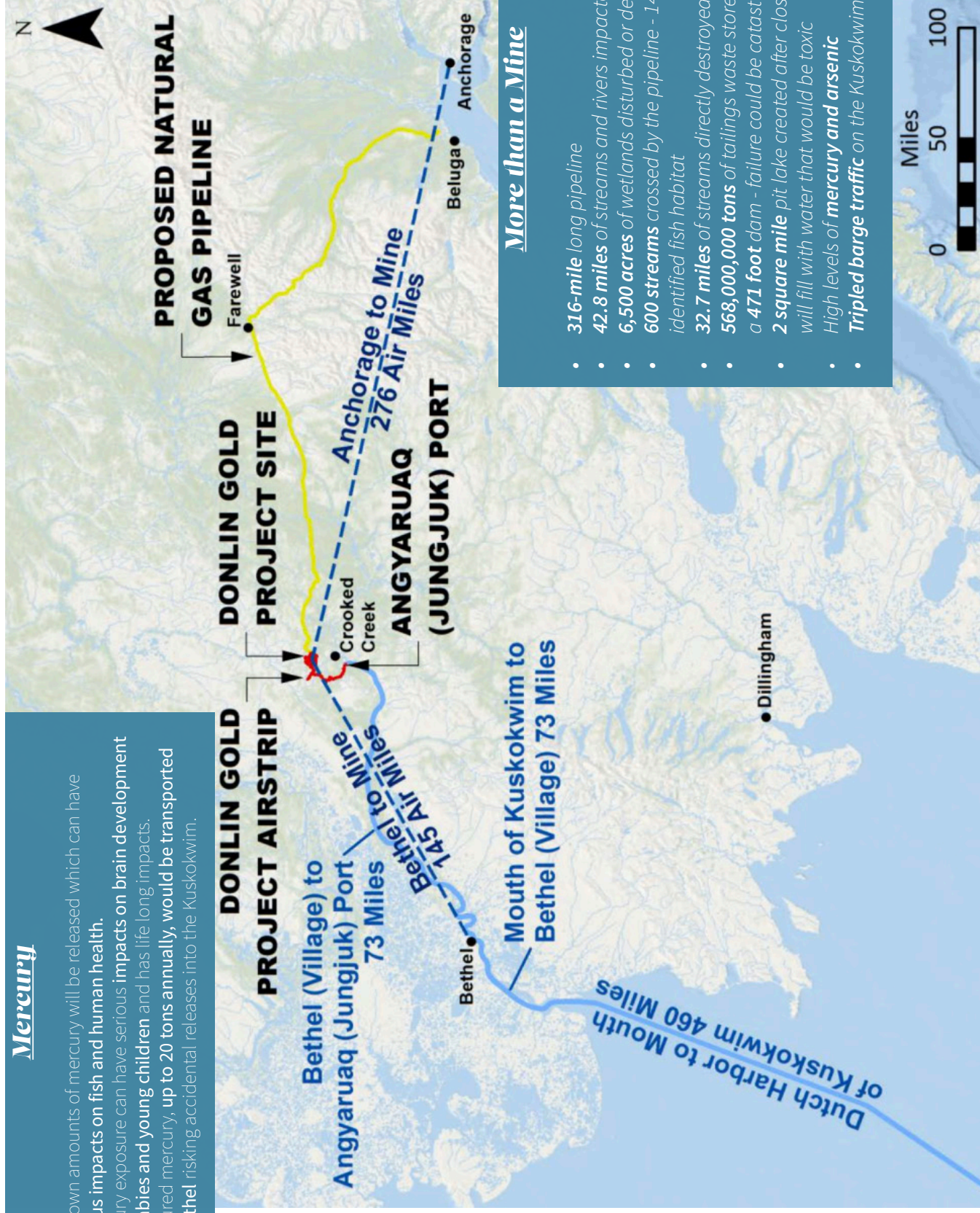
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# How Big is Donlin?

## Mercury

- Unknown amounts of mercury will be released which can have **serious impacts on fish and human health.**
- Mercury exposure can have serious impacts on **brain development for babies and young children** and has life long impacts.
- Captured mercury, **up to 20 tons annually, would be transported to Bethel** risking accidental releases into the Kuskokwim.



## More than a Mine

- 316-mile long pipeline
- 42.8 miles of streams and rivers impacted
- 6,500 acres of wetlands disturbed or destroyed
- 600 streams crossed by the pipeline - 147 identified fish habitat
- 32.7 miles of streams directly destroyed
- 568,000,000 tons of tailings waste stored behind a 471 foot dam - failure could be catastrophic
- 2 square mile pit lake created after closure that will fill with water that would be toxic
- High levels of **mercury and arsenic**
- Tripled barge traffic on the Kuskokwim