US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: **September 30, 2025**

REVISED EXPIRATION DATE: **November 30, 2025**

REFERENCE NUMBER: **POA-2018-00210**

WATERWAY: **Graphite Creek**

*****PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD REVISION*****

On September 30, 2025, the Alaska District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a public notice for Department of the Army (DA) permit number POA-2018-00210, Graphite Creek, for a DA permit application from Graphite One (Alaska), Inc. to discharge fill material that would permanently impact 414.68 acres of aquatic resources of which only 2.21 acres of waters including wetlands have been asserted by the applicant to be jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act. The project would also temporarily impact approximately 1.18 acres of aquatic resources of which only 0.39 acres have been asserted to be jurisdictional by the applicant. The total extent of jurisdictional waters that would be impacted by the discharge of fill is unknown at this time and will be determined through completing an approved jurisdictional determination. The purpose of the projects is to mine graphite from mineral leases on State of Alaska land and process the graphite into commercially viable ore concentrate for transport to the Port of Nome via a new 17.3-mile gravel access road and the existing Seward Peninsula public road system. The project site is located in 34 sections within the Kateel River Meridian; the proposed mine is at Latitude 65.0380º N., Longitude 165.5399º W., 37 miles north of Nome and 28 miles east-southeast of Teller, Alaska.

The comment period for this public notice has been extended 30 days from October 31, 2025 to November 30, 2025. This 30-day comment period extension has been made for two main reasons:

1. To allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) sufficient time to review the public notice and provide comments. Due to federal government shutdown, both of

these Services have been furloughed since October 1. This extension would enable the Services time needed for review and comments assuming that the shutdown ends before November 15.

2. To accommodate requests to extend the comment period made by many members of the local Alaska Native community residing in the vicinity of the proposed project. Most who made the request stated that many tribal leaders would attend the Alaska Federation of Natives, which occurred October 16-18 and is the largest gathering of tribal governments in Alaska; attendance would prevent people from having enough time to review the public notice and provide comments.

One additional revision is the name of the corporation that has applied for the Department of the Army permit. We had incorrectly listed the name as Graphite One, LLC whereas the correct name is Graphite One (Alaska), Inc. All other information contained in the previous notice remains the same. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who is or may be interested. Please contact Greg Mazer at (907) 347-9059, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at Gregory.j.mazer@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

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