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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Ambler Metals LLC proposes to develop an open-pit hard rock mining operation (The Project) at the Arctic Deposit in the Ambler Mining District of northwestern Alaska. The Project is designed to process about 11,000 short tons of ore per day and produce copper, zinc, and lead concentrates, with commercial amounts of gold and silver also expected. The major facilities would include the open-pit mine, ore processing plants, facilities to manage tailings and waste rock, water management infrastructure, two access roads, airstrip improvements, and associated support facilities. Construction is expected to take about 3 years. The operating life is then expected to be about 13 years.

Road Construction

The South Route access road would connect the existing Dahl Creek Airstrip to the Ambler Access Project (AAP). The North Route would connect the AAP to the Arctic Mine site. Development of these access roads would include upgrades to existing roads and trails between the Dahl Creek Airstrip and Bornite Camp and construction of new road segments between Bornite Camp and the AAP and between the AAP and the Arctic Mine site.

Project Footprint

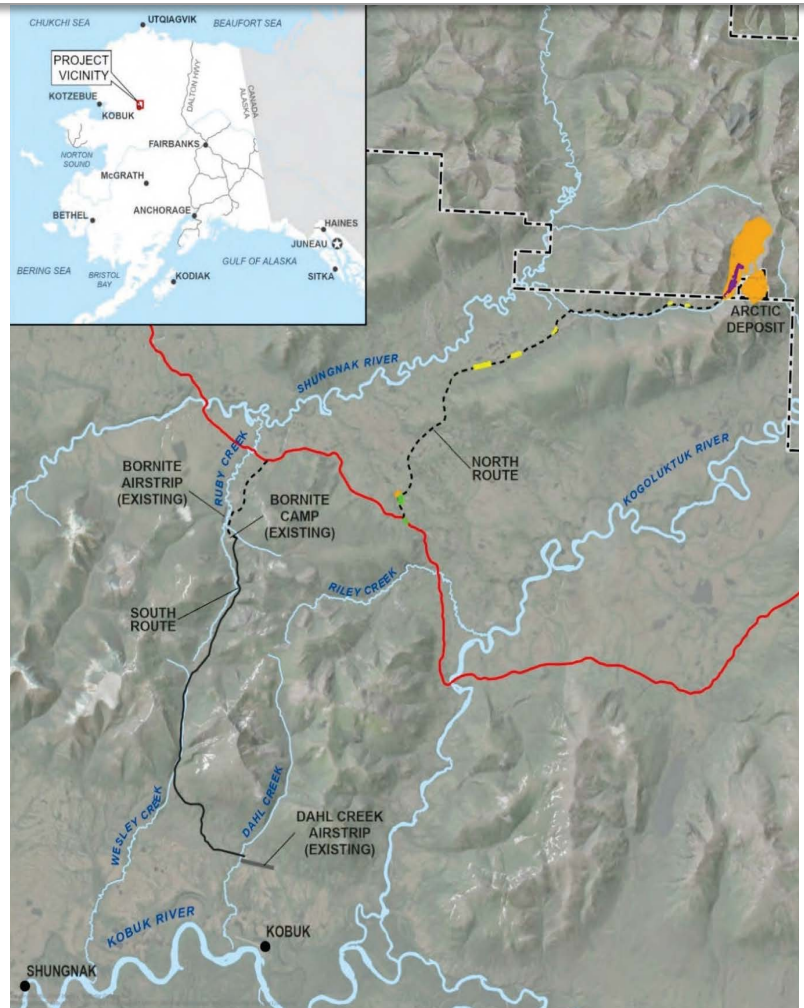
- Total footprint - 1,727.2 acres (699 hectares [ha])
 - About 110.6 acres (44.8 ha) of wetlands fill
 - About 10.1 acres (4.1 ha) of fill in other waters (i.e., ponds and streams)

Processing and Shipment of Ore

- Ore would be processed into concentrate onsite
- Stored in shipping containers
- Moved by truck to Fairbanks over access roads, the recently-permitted AAP, and existing public roads
- Shipped by rail from Fairbanks to Anchorage
- Taken by ship to smelters or refineries outside Alaska

Management of Tailings

All tailings would be stored within an engineered tailings management facility at the headwaters of Subarctic Creek. The facility would be supported by an engineered dam, an adjacent waste rock facility, and the natural topography of the surrounding steep valley walls. The facility would have sufficient storage to accommodate tailings, mine production water, and flood volume 1.5 times the probable 100-year maximum flood event. A water treatment plant would treat contact water (i.e., water coming into contact with mine waste rock, tailings, facilities, or collected in the open mine pit) to State of Alaska standards before discharge to Subarctic Creek. Diversion channels and other water management features would be constructed along the edges of the mine site to reduce the volume of contact water.





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EIS PROCESS

What is an EIS?

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a detailed document required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment. It outlines the potential environmental impacts, both positive and negative, of a proposed project and evaluates alternative actions.

What is NEPA and why is an EIS required?

NEPA is a federal law that ensures environmental factors are considered in decision-making by federal agencies. An EIS is required when a proposed action result in significant environmental impacts. The EIS process promotes transparency, informed decision-making, and public involvement. Under USACE regulations, the NEPA process must be completed before a permit can be issued. See the Alaska District EIS webpage for additional information:

<https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Environmental-Impact-Statements/>

Steps in the EIS Process

1. Notice of Intent (NOI) – a public announcement stating that a federal agency will prepare an EIS for a major project that solicits comments from the public relevant to the proposed action.
2. EIS – a comprehensive document describing the proposed action’s impacts and alternatives and is published for review.
3. Record of Decision (ROD) – a formal public document issued at the conclusion of the EIS process that:
 - Summarizes the agency’s final decision regarding a proposed action that was evaluated in the EIS.
 - Identifies the alternatives considered, including the environmentally preferred alternative.
 - Describes mitigation measures that will be implemented to reduce environmental impacts.
 - Demonstrates compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.

PUBLIC & AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

How to Engage with the Process

During public comment periods, stakeholders and the public are invited to submit comments and questions about the project via the online public comment form, email, mail, or in person at public meetings.

Public Participation Plan for Community Outreach

- Public meetings
- Email updates and newsletters
- Tribal consultations
- Comment section of website:
www.ArcticMineEIS.com or by email:
ArcticMineEIS_scoping@arcadis.com

Government-to-Government Consultation

Federally Recognized Tribes that believe their rights and/or resources be affected by this proposed action request government-to-government consultation with USACE. If you wish to invite USACE to government-to-government consultation, please advise the District Commander in writing and provide the contact information of a person you would like the Commander’s staff to contact to begin coordination.

Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, Title 41

The Project is covered under the Title 41 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41). FAST-41 established a process for improving the timeliness, predictability, and transparency of environmental review and permitting of covered projects for project proponents and the public. The Project’s FAST-41 Permitting Dashboard and Timetable be found <https://www.permits.performance.gov/permitting-project/fast-41-covered-projects/arctic-project>. USACE plans to issue a ROD concluding the EIS by September 15, 2028 and render a final decision whether to issue a Section 404 permit for the Project’s impacts to aquatic resources by September 22, 2028.

