

Kennecott submits Clean Water Act Section 404 Individual Permit application with the United States Army Corps of Engineers

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Extending the life of the Bingham Canyon mine will require additional storage capacity for Kennecott's tailings impoundment and environmental permit updates from several regulatory agencies. As part of this process, Kennecott has filed a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Individual Permit application with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to expand Kennecott's north tailings impoundment to the northeast and south.

A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation of the proposed project is required because the project impacts Federal jurisdictional wetlands and waters of the United States. This situation requires issuance of a CWA Section 404 Permit by the USACE as a federal action, and any project requiring federal action must go through the NEPA compliance process. USACE will initiate and conduct the formal NEPA process to analyze impacts from the proposed project not only on wetlands and waters of the United States, but other social and environmental resources as well. The USACE will initiate preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts to the human, natural, and cultural environment as a result of project implementation.

The public and agencies can obtain additional information from a project-specific website that will be maintained and updated by USACE and their third-party contractor. Additional information can be found on the regulatory page for the Sacramento USACE District [here](#).