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KSM Project Myths October 21, 2013

When projects, such as KSM, are going through the regulatory review process, comments and questions are raised which sometimes require clarification. This is the case with the Juneau Empire article which ran October 18, 2013 titled "BC's Proposed KSM Mine 'looming train wreck' for Southeast." Since this article focused on concerns of water users, we'd like to provide some additional information.

- Protection of the environment, including downstream waters, is a guiding principle behind the design of the KSM project.
- The KSM project has undergone extensive environmental and technical evaluations by independent experts over the past five years to ensure its operation will not cause harm to the surrounding environment, including waterways and fish.
- During operation, KSM will fully meet all applicable standards to ensure water quality set by US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), the Canadian Government, and the Province of British Columbia.
- Baseline data collected before the project begins operation informs future monitoring to ensure water quality is protected. The KSM Project has undergone extensive environmental and technical evaluations by independent experts over the past five years, including baseline data collection.
- One finding from the baseline data is that due to the natural erosion process, many of the water systems in the project area contain mineral levels which exceed fresh water standards. Regulatory standards require that if this water is influenced by mining activity, it must be treated prior to being discharged to ensure it meets US water quality standards.

For additional information on the KSM Project, please click here: <http://ksmproject.com/project/faqs/>