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Comments: I am commenting in support of the Coeur Alaska, Inc. Plan of Operations Amendment 1 (POA 1) for the Kensington Gold Mine. The design of the current Tailings Treatment Facility dam and the expansion of that facility, as shown in POA 1 A 4-2 & B 4-2, are very similar to the levee designs shown in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Design, Design and Construction of Levees, Engineering Manual EM 1110-2-1913 30 April 2000. The Corps of Engineers has built hundreds, if not thousands of such levees across the U.S. Other government entities have built levees to this design, with the approval of the Corps, across the U.S. This design is a proven and success design.

As a former legislator in another state, I worked closely with the Corps and other state and local entities studying levee systems across our state after the major flooding of the Fall of 1990. I am very familiar with this levee design and it has been very successful in holding back waters. I trust that it will be successful in holding back the tailings.