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Comments: I am in full support of the expansion of the mine. Hecla has proven that it can mine in such a way that it minimizes the impact on the environment, following all regulations, while providing jobs and bringing revenue to Alaska. In light of the bad economy and the ever rising inflation good jobs and revenue are desperately needed. Also, mining in the US gives us less dependence on other countries that are much less likely to have such stringent regulations and are less likely to care for the environment as much as the US does. This is a responsible decision in regards to preserving the environment while also using the rich minerals that we have been blessed with in Alaska.