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The Alaska Minerals Commission (AMC) is pleased to release their 2015 report. The report identifies three specific issue areas with corresponding action items: 1) federal regulatory uncertainty, 2) resource education, and 3) outdated federal land claim withdrawals. The report builds upon past work of the AMC, whose intent is to identify state and federal issues that block responsible development. Over the past 27 years, the AMC has worked with the administration and legislature to successfully implement key recommendations that support a strong and sustainable Alaska minerals industry.

The AMC’s role is to advise to the governor and the Alaska State Legislature on strategies to mitigate constraints on mineral development in Alaska. Created by the legislature in 1986, the commission’s authorization was extended through 2024 by the Alaska State Legislature in 2013 via House Bill 99. The 2015 Alaska Minerals Commission Report was released by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) on January 15, 2015. The report can be downloaded at www.commerce.alaska.gov/dmn/ded/dev/mineralsdevelopment/alaskamineralscommission.aspx. The report is required by AS 44.33.431 (d) and does not constitute an official position or opinion of DCCED.

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