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Mr. Peter D. Robertson
The Pebble Partnership
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 11101
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request Number EPA-R10-2014-002963

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on January 27, 2014, regarding any communication on the subject of (a) a mining project in Southwest Alaska commonly called the Pebble project or the Pebble Mine ("Pebble Mine"), (b) the Agency's Bristol Bay Assessment, or any other matter connected to the Pebble Mine between certain named EPA personnel and specified individuals or entities outside of EPA.

Records are uploaded to your FOIAonline account. Please visit your account to download and view records. You may also visit the FTP website that links you to a "reading room" for Bristol Bay where you will find external formal correspondence the EPA has had on this matter. Some of those documents are responsive to your request. The link is: ftp://ftp.epa.gov/reg10ftp/bristol_bay_FOIA_reading_room/.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to complete your request is necessary. The reasons for the extension are:

- The need to search for and collect the requested records from offices that are physically distant from this office.

- The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records involved in your request.

- The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another EPA office having a substantial subject-matter interest in your request.

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The new due date we expect to complete your request is April 30, 2014. Contact Elizabeth McKenna at (206) 553-0016 for status of your request.

Sincerely,

Linda Anderson-Carnahan

Linda Anderson-Carnahan, Associate Director
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