

Gold mining back in Nome

Gold prospecting and the testing of bulk sampling equipment at Nome are the subjects of an application submitted to the Alaska District Engineer Corps of Engineers office. The application requests permission to dredge and dispose of beach material two miles west of the famous "city of golden beaches."

Alaska Minerals and Exploration Ltd. of Anchorage proposes to extract sand from the beach in the form of arbitrary sampling for a distance of three miles overall length east and west of the mouth of Nome River and to a depth of not more than six feet. The work will reach 500 feet seaward from the main water line.

The material to be tested will be sluiced and returned to approximately the same location from which it was extracted. The applicant states that the proposed work will be performed so as not to leave and appreciable ridges or trenches in the beach.

The equipment will consist of a small backhoe mounted on a large soft-tired wagon that is capable of operating in five feet of water and supporting the sluicing equipment.

The firm has obtained permits from the Alaska Division of Lands to conduct the proposed activity. Interested parties may submit in writing any comments they may have to the proposed activity.