

Bethel Coal Plant

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The 100-MW Bethel Power Plant was proposed as a collaboration between the Calista (http://www.calistacorp.com/), an Alaska Native Corporation, and the gold-mining company NovaGold Resources Inc. (http://www.novagold.com/) The plant was to have powered the proposed Donlin Creek Gold Mine (/Issues/MetalsMining/DonlinCreek.html), as well as Bethel and several surrounding villages. However, the estimated electricity costs from this plant (http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?

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title=Bethel_Power_Plant) were too high. In 2005 NovaGold scrapped the project, and is currently considering a 320-mile long natural gas pipeline for the mine.

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