



Bethel Coal Plant

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BETHEL — Port of Bethel summer 2012 — Get Photo (</photos/bethel/>)

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.