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File: 500.38.002

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Re: Record of Decision – Alaska Army National Guard Federal Scout Armory
Selawik Alaska, Cleanup Complete Determination

Dear Mr. Guillory:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Contaminated Sites Program (ADEC) has completed a review of the Final Corrective Action Report, December 8, 2008 associated with the Selawik Federal Scout Armory. Based on the information the ADEC has determined that the contaminant concentrations remaining on site do not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment, and this site will be closed.

This decision is based on the information on file at the ADEC. This letter summarizes the decision process used to determine the environmental status of this site and provides a summary of the regulatory issues considered in the Cleanup Complete Determination.

Introduction

Site Name and Location:

Alaska Army Nation Guard Federal Scout Armory
Parcel J, Lot 43, Block 8, Tract A USS 4492
Selawik Alaska 99770

Name and Mailing Address of Contact Party:

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Database Record Key and File Number:

ADEC Reckey No. 1995320114701

File: # 500.38.002

Hazard ID: 2495

Regulatory authority under which the site is being cleaned up:

18 AAC 75

Background

A site investigation in 1996 noted three areas of diesel range organic (DRO) contaminated soil. Area 1 on the south side of the New Armory where 55-gallon drums containing fuel were formerly stored, Area 2 on the north side of the drill hall and Area 3 on the east side of the New Armory near the existing 1500-gallon above ground storage tank (AST) and the former location of 3000-gallon ASTs. The Phase Two Site Investigation in 1997 confirmed DRO contamination at Areas 2 and 3.

Cleanup Actions

An Interim Removal Action in 2001 addressed approximately 50 cubic yards of DRO contaminated soil in Areas 2 and 3. Contamination remained at Area 2. A final remedial action in 2008 removed an additional 578 tons of DRO contaminated soil from Area 2 extending under the armory and to the north and east.

Contaminant of Concern

- Diesel Range Organics (DRO).

Cleanup Levels

ADEC approved a Method III cleanup level for DRO of 6000 mg/kg in 2007 based on total organic carbon content in the soil of 2.4 %

Pathway Evaluation

The exposure pathways for human health that were evaluated include the following: ingestion of soil and groundwater, indoor and outdoor inhalation of vapors, and dermal contact with soil. These pathways may be complete but the remaining contaminant concentrations are considered De Minimus and do not pose a risk to human health and the environment.

The exposure pathway analysis above was supported by the most recent ADEC Exposure Tracking Model (ETM) ranking. The ETM results showed all pathways to be De Minimus Exposure, Exposure Controlled, or Pathway Incomplete.

ADEC Decision

The cleanup actions to date have served to excavate and adequately remove contaminated soil from the site. Based on the information available, ADEC has determined no further assessment or cleanup action is required. There is no longer a risk to human health or the environment, and this site will be designated as "Cleanup Complete" on the Department's database.

Although a Cleanup Complete Determination has been granted, ADEC approval is required for off-site soil disposal in accordance with 18 AAC 75.325(i)). However, because of the low contaminant concentrations remaining, this letter will serve as your approval for future off-site movement and disposal of soil associated with this release. It should be noted that movement or use of potentially contaminated soil in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is unlawful.

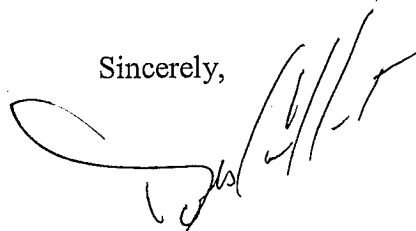
This determination is in accordance with 18 AAC 75.380(d) and does not preclude ADEC from requiring additional assessment and/or cleanup action if future information indicates that this site may pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Appeal

Any person who disagrees with this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 - 18 AAC 15.340 or an informal review by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185. Informal review requests must be delivered to the Division Director, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, within 15 days after receiving the department's decision reviewable under this section. Adjudicatory hearing requests must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, within 30 days after the date of issuance of this letter, or within 30 days after the department issues a final decision under 18 AAC 15.185. If a hearing is not requested within 30 days, the right to appeal is waived.

If you have questions about this closure decision, please contact me at 907-269-0298.

Sincerely,



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