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Holland America Line, Inc.
Attn: Kelly Clark
300 Elliott Ave. West
Seattle, WA 98119

Re: Verification of Institutional Control Compliance at Westours Bus Maintenance Facility

Dear Ms. Clark:

The Contaminated Sites Program is conducting an audit of contaminated sites closed with conditions (Institutional Controls) to verify that closure stipulations such as periodic monitoring and reporting are being performed by the responsible party of record as required under state law (18 AAC 75.375).

In 2007, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) granted a Record of Decision for the Westours Maintenance Facility site that included conditions requiring groundwater sampling of wells ESL-MW3, ESL-MW8A, and ANI-MW3 for VOCs every other year until groundwater meets ADEC Table C cleanup levels. However, we have not received any groundwater monitoring results since 2011. Furthermore, the DEC granted a Corrective Action Complete with Institutional Controls Determination in 2013 which included additional institutional controls for the Westours Maintenance Facility site. The Record of Decision and Corrective Action Complete with Institutional Controls Determination documents detailing the institutional controls that are in effect for this property are enclosed.

Requested Documentation

In order to ensure that conditions at the site are protective of human health, welfare and the environment, DEC requests that you provide the following:

- Nature of the current land use of the Westours Bus Maintenance Facility property.

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- Results from the latest groundwater monitoring event. If monitoring results are not available, please make arrangements to have monitoring performed as soon as possible.

In addition to the groundwater monitoring requirement, please be advised that the following Institutional Controls as established in the 2007 Record of Decision and 2013 Corrective Action Complete with Institutional Controls Determination continue to apply:

- In accordance with 18 AAC 75.325(i), ADEC approval must be obtained prior to transport and/or disposal of soil or groundwater from this site.
- No groundwater wells shall be installed on the property without the prior review and approval of ADEC.
- If land use and/or ownership changes, current ICs may not be protective and ADEC may require additional remediation and/or ICs. Therefore, Holland America Princess shall report to ADEC every five years to document land use, or report as soon as Holland America Princess becomes aware of any change in land ownership and/or use, if earlier. The report can be sent to the local ADEC office or electronically to DEC.ICUnit@alaska.gov.
- Any proposal to transport soil or groundwater off site requires ADEC approval in accordance with 18 AAC 78.600(h). A "site," as defined by 18 AAC 75.990 (115), means an area that is contaminated, including areas contaminated by the migration of hazardous substances from a source area, regardless of property ownership.
- Soil contamination is located in the vicinity of the piping joint that was located between the former UST and the Boiler Room of the warm vehicle storage building (southeast of the storage building). Any excavation of soil in this area must be approved by ADEC, and the soil must be evaluated and contamination addressed in accordance with an ADEC approved work plan.
- Movement or use of contaminated material in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is prohibited.

DEC is concerned that the site conditions may not be protective. Failure to maintain these requirements may result in re-opening of the site by the Contaminated Sites Program, in which case, further remediation could be mandatory.

Please provide the requested documentation either by hard copy letter or email no later than **September 1, 2014**. If you have any questions about these requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 465-5229 or evonne.reese@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



Evonne Reese
Environmental Program Specialist
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Encl: 2007 Record of Decision
2013 Corrective Action Complete with Institutional Controls Determination