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Re: Verification of Institutional Control Compliance at USFEMA - KIFW Radio Station, Sitka

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 2012 the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) granted a Corrective Action Complete Determination – Institutional Controls Decision Document for the USFEMA - KIFW Radio Station, Sitka site that included conditions requiring existing monitoring wells installed at the property and the surrounding area be decommissioned in accordance with DEC guidance. However, we have not received any reports documenting the well decommissioning. The Corrective Action Complete Determination – Institutional Controls Decision Document detailing the institutional controls that are in effect for this property is 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 USFEMA - KIFW Radio Station, Sitka property.
- Decommissioning status of all monitoring wells installed at the referenced property and surrounding area.
- If the monitoring wells have not yet been decommissioned, please make arrangements to have all monitoring wells cut off and capped as soon as possible.

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In addition to the requirement that all monitoring wells be decommissioned, please be advised that the following Institutional Controls as established in the 2012 Corrective Action Complete Determination – Institutional Controls Decision Document continue to apply:

- Any future change in land use may impact the exposure assumption cited in the Decision Document. If land use and/or ownership changes, current ICs may not be protective and DEC may require additional remediation and/or ICs. Therefore the KIFW Radio Station shall report to DEC **every three years** to document land use, or report as soon as KIFW Radio Station becomes aware of any change in land ownership and/or use, if earlier. The report can be sent to the local DEC office or electronically to DEC.ICUnit@alaska.gov.
- Soil contamination is located under the generator shed. When the building is removed and/or soil becomes accessible, the soil must be evaluated and contamination addressed in accordance with a DEC approved work plan.

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 **August 21, 2015**. 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,



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Encl: 2012 Corrective Action Complete Determination – Institutional Controls Decision Document