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Mr. Walter Weyapuk, Chairman
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Re: Closure of the Cape Prince of Wales Air Warning Station Formerly Used Defense Site

Dear Mr. Weyapuk:

On September 21, 2001 I sent you a letter to inform you that the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) had evaluated the cleanup conducted in 1994 and 1995 by the Corps of Engineers at the former Wales Air Warning Station. In that letter, I informed you that DEC had determined that no further cleanup was required under the site cleanup rules in the Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Control Regulations (18 AAC 75.325 – 18 AAC 75.390). I also stated that a public comment period would be held jointly by DEC and the Corps of Engineers before the site would be officially closed.

DEC and the Corps of Engineers held a public comment period from September 20 through October 22, 2002. A public notice of this proposed closure was published in the Nome Nugget on September 20 and on September 27, 2001. Neither DEC nor the Corps of Engineers received any public comment on the proposed closure of this site.

On February 20, 2002, authorized representatives of DEC and the Corps of Engineers signed a decision document, titled "Declaration of Site Closure Decision" for the Wales Air Warning Station site. Signing of this document marks the official closure of this site, and it is now listed as closed on the DEC Contaminated Sites database. I have enclosed a copy of the declaration for your information and for your records.

If you have any questions, or would like further information about this decision, please feel free to call me at (907) 451-2131.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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