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RE: Alascom Earth Station - Kodiak
Facility I.D. #715
Spill Number: 91-25-00-311-01
Response to Request for No Further Action

Dear Sirs/Madame:

I apologize for the time it has taken the department to generate a response to your request for "No Further Action" on this project. Unfortunately, pertinent file information was lost when the project was transferred from the Anchorage office to the Kenai office. Your consultant has been helpful in reconstructing the file and in providing clarification on the cleanup activities associated with the former underground storage tank (UST) system. Thank you for your patience.

We have now completed a review of all submitted information associated with the former UST system at this facility and find that no additional assessment or cleanup activities are required at the former excavation at this time. The department acknowledges that contaminated soil (exceeding the site specific level B standard) remains beneath the building. Please be aware that if the building is removed or future information indicates a potential health or environmental risk associated with this contamination, then the department may request additional assessment and/or cleanup of the contaminants in this area.

Also associated with this project is a biovapor cell used to treat approximately 35 cubic yards of contaminated soil generated during closure of the former UST system. In August 1995, six soil samples were collected from the cell for purposes of confirming that the cleanup levels had been achieved. Subsequent analytical data showed that half of the samples collected exceeded the site specific cleanup level for diesel range organics (DRO). As such, the soils within the

biovapor cell must undergo further remediation until confirmation samples document that the DRO levels no longer exceed 200 ppm. Once the soils within the cell have been shown to meet the site specific cleanup level, then disposal on site can be considered.

After treatment of the soils is complete then the cell must be closed. As part of the closure process, confirmation sampling must be conducted of the area around and beneath the cell to establish that a release of contaminants has not occurred. A sampling plan that addresses this issue should be submitted to this office for review prior to actual sample collection. Please be aware that a more rigorous sampling plan will be required to demonstrate cleanliness if field screening and visual observations can not be utilized, as would be the case if the cell were to remain in place.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, or any aspect of this project, you may contact me at the Kenai Area office.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lucy D. Jean, New Horizons Telecom, Inc.