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DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Contaminated Sites Program

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Lower Kuskokwim School District Plant Facilities Department ATTN: Kate McIntyre, Project Manager P.O. Box 305 Bethel, AK 99559

Re: Institutional Controls verification for Chefornak School Tank Farm, located along the south bank of Kinia River, 98 miles SW of Bethel, in Chefornak, Alaska 99561

The Contaminated Sites Program conducts periodic verification of closed sites where institutional controls (land use restrictions) are required under 18 AAC 75.375. We have identified Chefornak School Tank Farm as a site with institutional controls.

In order to prevent people from being exposed to any remaining contamination on the property, this letter is being sent as a <u>reminder</u> of the conditions placed on the property as part of the 2011 Cleanup Complete Determination-Institutional Controls Decision Document granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). At the time of closure, soil and groundwater contamination were documented as remaining on the property. The contamination is from overfill spills that occurred at the former day tank area at this location.

The 2011 determination is subject to the following site-specific conditions and/or controls:

- 1. Any future change in land use may impact exposure assumptions cited in the Decision document. If land use and/or ownership changes, current ICs may not be protective and ADEC may require additional remediation and/or ICs. Therefore Lower Kuskokwim School District shall report to ADEC every five years to document land use; or report as soon as Lower Kuskokwim School District 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 <u>DEC.ICUnit@alaska.gov</u>.
- 2. Installation of groundwater wells will require approval from ADEC.
- 3. Any proposal to transport soil or groundwater off site requires ADEC approval in accordance with 18 AAC 75.325(i). 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.

4. Movement or use of contaminated material in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is prohibited.

In addition to the conditions above, you are required to notify the ADEC if there are any changes in land use or ownership. Failure to maintain these requirements may result in re-opening the site by the Contaminated Sites Program, in which case, further remediation could be mandatory.

In accordance with 18 AAC 75.380(d)(2), ADEC may require additional site assessment, monitoring, remediation, and/or necessary actions at this facility should new information become available that indicates contamination at this site may pose a threat to human health or the environment.

If you seek to have the institutional controls removed from this site, you can choose at any time to voluntarily conduct additional assessment, monitoring or further cleanup to demonstrate that contamination at the site now meets the applicable cleanup levels under 18 AAC 75.

This site information is a matter of public record and is available at ADEC's online database record at: http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/3781

If you have any questions regarding this site, please contact me at (907) 465-5229 or evonne.reese@alaska.gov and I will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,

Evonne Reese **Environmental Program Specialist**

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Institutional Control Unit

Encl: 2011 Cleanup Complete Determination-Institutional Controls Decision Document