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*Sent via electronic mail only*

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Re: **Alaska Commercial Co./Bethel AC Value Center, 135 Ridgcrest Drive, Bethel, AK 99559**  
**Groundwater Monitoring Requirement Removed – Institutional Controls Remaining**

**DEC Site Identifiers:**  
File No: 2407.38.004  
Hazard ID: 2109

**Regulatory Authority for Determination:**  
18 AAC 78

Dear Mr. Pickett:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has reviewed the environmental record for the referenced site, which includes the 2016 Monitoring Well Decommissioning Report submitted by Restoration, Science & Engineering, LLC. This letter documents ADEC's removal of groundwater monitoring requirements at the site.

The site was assigned a Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls determination status in the 2006 Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the ADEC. A requirement of the ROD determination was that long-term groundwater monitoring be conducted. An amendment was later issued in 2007 which added monitoring of the onsite drinking water well. Contaminant concentrations in the 2009 water monitoring samples showed only DRO in MW-2 to be above ADEC cleanup levels, but having demonstrated an overall decreasing trend since initial sampling took place. Subsequently, ADEC determined long term monitoring was complete at the site and requested monitoring wells MW-1 and MW-2 be decommissioned. In 2016, the groundwater monitoring wells were decommissioned in accordance with ADEC's Monitoring Well Guidance.

**ADEC Decision**

The groundwater monitoring institutional control requirement has been removed from the site. All other institutional controls remain in effect. ***Please be aware that monitoring of the drinking water well should continue to include sampling for volatile organic compounds according to ADEC Drinking Water Program sampling schedule requirements (Water System Number AK2270427).***

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**The following standard and site-specific conditions (institutional controls) will still apply to the Alaska Commercial Co. – Bethel / Bethel AC Value Center site:**

1. In accordance with 18 AAC 75.370(b), ADEC approval must be obtained prior to removal and/or disposal of soil or groundwater from this site.
2. ADEC must be notified (and approve) the installation of any groundwater wells at this site.
3. Any future change in land use may impact the exposure assumptions for this site. If land use and/or ownership changes, current ICs may not be protective and ADEC may require additional remediation and/or ICs. Therefore, Alaska Commercial Company shall report to ADEC every five years to document land use, or report as soon as Alaska Commercial Company 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](mailto:DEC.ICUnit@alaska.gov).
4. As established in the 2010 Decision Document/Long Term Monitoring Complete letter, monitoring of the drinking water well should continue to include sampling for volatile organic compounds according to ADEC Drinking Water Program sampling schedule requirements.
5. Any proposal to transport soil or groundwater off-site requires ADEC approval in accordance with 18 AAC 75.325. 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.
6. Movement or use of contaminated material in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is prohibited. This is a standard condition.

This determination is in accordance with 18 AAC 78.276(f) and does not preclude ADEC from requiring additional assessment and/or cleanup action if future information indicates that this site may pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

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

Sincerely,



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Encl: 2006 No Further Remedial Action letter  
2007 Amended Conditional Closure Decision  
2010 Decision Document/Long Term Groundwater Monitoring Complete  
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