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Mr. Norm Straub
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RE: Conditional Closure, Little Diomede Federal Scout Armory

Dear Mr. Straub:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) received your request for closure of the contaminated site located at the Alaska Army National Guard Federal Scout Armory at Little Diomede and had requested you obtain concurrence from the land owner, Inalik Native Corporation for a Conditional Closure. ADEC received the letter concurring with the Conditional Closure from Inalik Native Corporation.

Results of sampling and analysis at the site in 2004 showed diesel range organics present at concentrations ranging from 105 mg/kg to 4790 mg/kg. The areal extent of the contamination above the most stringent 18 AAC 75.341 Method II cleanup level of 230 mg/kg is limited to the location of the aboveground fuel storage tanks although it is unknown if any extends underneath the building.

Information supporting the request for a waiver of cleanup under AS 46.04.020 includes, groundwater does not exist at Little Diomede and the drinking water source is a stream upgradient from the site. The soil present at the site contains a large proportion of boulders and cobbles and the soil samples were preferentially obtained from the fine grained portions of the soil. The site is also located in an area with tightly packed buildings and access for heavy equipment is limited, if not impossible.

ADEC agrees that no further remedial action is required but the soil remaining above the most stringent cleanup levels is subject to 18 AAC 75.325 (i) A responsible person shall obtain approval before disposing of soil or groundwater from a site (1) that is subject to the site cleanup rules; or (2) for which the responsible person has received a written determination from the department under 18 AAC 75.380(d)(1).

The Little Diomede Federal Scout Armory is now listed as Conditionally Closed.

If you have any questions on this letter please contact me at 269-0298.

Sincerely,

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