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Re: AT&T Alascom Talkeetna Earth Station: ADEC Spill # 1992220026202
Site Closure Approved

Dear Mr. Bamberger:

The Department has reviewed the 5 February 08 *Soil Sampling and Analysis Report, AT&T/Alascom Bartlett Earth Station, Talkeetna Alaska* that was submitted by ALTA Geosciences, Inc. Based on our review of the administrative record for this site, the Department finds that no further remedial actions are required at this facility. The Department considers the AT&T/Alascom Bartlett Earth Station, Talkeetna, Alaska closed.

In 1991, New Horizons Telecom, Inc. removed two 18,000 gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) used to store diesel fuel for heating and emergency generators. Two additional 500 gallon USTs used to store gasoline for vehicles were also removed. The excavation confirmation sampling showed that all the contaminated soil had been removed. The excavations were backfilled with clean gravel.

Approximately 60 yds³ of gasoline contaminated soil and 300 yds³ of diesel contaminated soil was landspread within the fenced area of the facility. The stockpiles were spread in separate plastic-lined, bermed areas during the summer of 92. The soil was tilled and fertilizer added to enhance microbial degradation of the hydrocarbons. ADEC issued a no further action determination for the gasoline contaminated soil on 8 October 93. The diesel contaminated soil did not meet the cleanup levels at that time. The landspread soil was re-sampled in October 94. The analytical results showed that the diesel contaminated soil did not meet the cleanup levels at that time.

On 15 July 07, ALTA Geosciences, Inc. personnel conducted sampling of the diesel contaminated soil area. All soil samples were non-detect. The soil has been shown to meet the most stringent ADEC cleanup levels. No further remedial action is required for this site. The Department considers this site closed.

In accordance with 18 AAC 75.380(d)(2) and 78.276(f)(2), ADEC may require additional site assessment, monitoring, remediation, and/or other 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.

Any person who disagrees with this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 – 18 AAC 15.340 or an informal review by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185. Informal review requests must be delivered to the Division Director, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, within 15 days after receiving the Department's decision reviewable under this section. Adjudicatory hearing requests must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, within 30 days after the date of issuance of this letter, or within 30 days after the Department issues a final decision under 18 AAC 15.185. If a hearing is not requested within 30 days, the right to appeal is waived.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at (907) 262-5210, Ext. 233.

Sincerely,



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