

## Department of Environmental Conservation

DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE Contaminated Sites Program

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Re: Institutional Controls verification for AT&T Alascom Cold Bay Earth Station & Camp, located on Saint Louis Road, Cold Bay, AK 99571

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 AT&T Alascom Cold Bay Earth Station & Camp 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 2008 Conditional Closure Decision granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). At the time of closure, soil contamination was documented as remaining on the property.

The 2008 determination is subject to the following site-specific conditions and/or controls:

- The soil contamination located under the communications building and the emergency generator building is currently inaccessible due to the buildings and structures located there. When (or if) the buildings are removed and/or the soil becomes accessible, ADEC shall be contacted and additional soil cleanup may be required at that time. ADEC must approve any excavation, transport, remediation, and/or disposal of soil from the site.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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: <a href="http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/1038">http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/1038</a>

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,
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For Evonne Reese

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Institutional Control Unit

Enclosure: 2008 Conditional Closure Decision