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William Arnold
Public Works Director
City of Bethel
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Bethel, AKK 99559

Re: Institutional Controls (IC) verification for **Bethel Public Works Yard**, located at 1155 Ridgcrest Drive in Bethel, Alaska 99559

Dear Mr. Arnold:

The Contaminated Sites Program conducts periodic verification of closed sites where institutional controls (land use restrictions) are in place to verify that closure stipulations such as periodic monitoring and reporting are being performed by the responsible part of record as required under state law (18 AAC 75.375). We have identified the Bethel Public Works Yard 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 reminder** of the conditions placed on the property as part of the 2014 Corrective Action Complete Determination – Institutional Controls (Decision Document) granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for the Bethel Public Works Yard site. At the time of closure, soil and groundwater contamination was documented as remaining on the property. The contamination was from an underground storage tank (UST) and the associated piping and dispensing equipment located at the Bethel Public Works Yard site, located 650 feet north-northeast of the Ptarmigan Street and Ridgcrest Drive intersection in Bethel, Alaska.

Please be advised that the following Institutional Controls as established in the 2014 Decision Document remain in effect:

1. Any future change in land use may impact the exposure assumptions cited in the 2014 Decision Document. If land use and/or ownership changes, these management conditions may not be protective and ADEC may require additional remediation and revised conditions. Therefore the City of Bethel shall report to ADEC every 5 years to document land use, or report as soon as the City of Bethel becomes aware of any change in land ownership and/or use, if earlier. The report can be sent

to the local ADEC office or submitted electronically to DEC.ICUnit@alaska.gov. *Please note: the next five year review will be due in May 2025.*

2. Installation of groundwater wells requires ADEC approval.
3. Sub-surface soil contamination remains beneath the current aboveground storage tank (AST) fueling station. If the soil becomes accessible and/or is encountered in the future, the soil must be evaluated and contamination addressed in accordance with an ADEC approved work plan.
4. Any proposal to transport soil or groundwater off-site requires ADEC approval in accordance with 18 AAC 78.600(h). 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.
5. 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: <https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/22955>.

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 III
Institutional Control Unit

Encl: 2014 Corrective Action Complete ICs Document

You may submit any needed documentation electronically. If your submittal is too large to email (i.e. exceeds 20 megabytes), you may submit it to me through the Alaska ZendTo "drop-off" option at <https://drop.state.ak.us/drop/>. The Division of SPAR/Contaminated Sites Program prefers and encourages electronic submittals.