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Wrangell Municipal Light & Power
Attn: Rod Rhoades
1064 Case Ave.
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

Re: Institutional Controls verification for: Wrangell Power Plant, located at 1064 Case Avenue in
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

Dear Mr. Rhoades:

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 the Wrangell Power Plant as a site with institutional controls.

As the landowner of the property you should be aware that there are ongoing obligations for this site. 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 2017 Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls Decision Document granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). At the time of closure, soil contamination was documented as remaining on the property.

The 2017 determination is subject to the following site-specific conditions and/or controls:

1. A restriction against future excavation of the utility corridor at the Wrangell Power Plant Property without coordinating with DEC prior to beginning such action. In the event that the remaining contaminated soil becomes accessible by excavation or through some other action that fits the site circumstances, or other information becomes available which indicates that the site may pose an unacceptable risk to human health, safety, welfare or the environment, the land owner and/or operator are required under 18 AAC 75.300 to notify DEC and evaluate the environmental status of the contamination in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; further site characterizations and cleanup may be necessary under 18 AAC 75.325-.390.
2. A restriction on installing groundwater wells or using groundwater from the site without prior DEC approval.

3. Any proposal to transport soil or groundwater off-site requires DEC 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. **This is a standard condition.**
4. 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.**

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. This site will receive a compliance review letter such as this on a scheduled basis every three years to verify the institutional controls are being adhered to.

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/25529>

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
Institutional Control Unit

Encl: 2017 Decision Document

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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.