Project Closeout Report

Containerized Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste Project # F10AK0606-06

L Concern – Air Corps Operations Reserve (ACOR) Tank Farm

Yakutat Air Base Formerly Used Defense Site Yakutat, Alaska

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACOR	Air Corps Operations Reserve
ADEC	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
AOC	Area of Concern
bgs	Below ground surface
CAA	Civil Aeronautics Administration
CON/HTRW	Containerized Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste
CUL	Cleanup Level
DERP	Defense Environmental Restoration Program
DoD	Department of Defense
DRO	Diesel Range Organics
FDE	Findings and Determination of Eligibility
FUDS	Formerly Used Defense Sites
HTRW	Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste
LF	Linear feet
mg/kg	Milligrams per kilogram
MTG	Migration to Groundwater
POL	Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants
RA	Removal Action
RI	Remedial Investigation
ROST/LIF	Rapid Optical Screening Tool/Laser Induced Fluorescence
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
WAA	War Assets Administration

1. INTRODUCTION

The Authority for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS), 10 U.S.C. § 2701-2707, is the Defense Environmental Restoration Account, 10 U.S.C. § 2703. The DERP-FUDS authorizes the cleanup of contamination resulting from past military activities at sites that were owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the United States and under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense at the time of the release of contamination, but transferred from DoD's jurisdiction by 17 October 1986. A hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW) project (F10AK0606-02) was authorized for the Yakutat Air Base property (F10AK0606) in 1995 after completing a Findings and Determination of Eligibility (FDE). The results of the FDE indicated that the Yakutat Air Base property met the eligibility requirements for inclusion in the DERP-FUDS program. In 2015, a revised Inventory Project Report was completed to delineate the existing -02 HTRW project into multiple containerized hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (CON/HTRW) projects (F10AK0606-04 through -07). The CON/HTRW project -06 for the L Concern – Air Corps Operations Reserve (ACOR) Tank Farm, was created during this delineation and authorized in 2015. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has listed the L Concern as the "Yakutat AFB Air Corps Tank Farm". The ADEC File No. is 1530.38.011 and the Hazard ID is 3715.

The CON/HTRW Project F10AK0606-06 has been recommended for site closeout by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (USACE) based on the conclusions of the 2018 removal action report that all contaminated soils above the ADEC 2008 cleanup levels (CULs) were removed and backfilled with clean soil. There remains a de minimis amount of soil exceeding the current naphthalene CULs, but the site no longer contains contamination at levels posing an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment. This Project Closeout Report is issued by USACE pursuant to ER 200-3-1, paragraph 4-7.4.1.1.

1.1 SITE LOCATION AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Yakutat, Alaska is approximately 225 miles northwest of Juneau and 380 miles southeast of Anchorage, Alaska at 59° 33' N Latitude, 139° 44' W Longitude (Section 30, Township 27 South, Range 34 East, Copper River Meridian). Located at the mouth of Yakutat Bay, the community is bounded by the Wrangell-Saint Elias Mountains and Yakutat Bay to the north, the Tongass National Forest to the south and east, and the Gulf of Alaska to the west (Figure 1). The FUDS sites, scattered around the Yakutat Air Base, are not connected via road to other permanent Southeast Alaska communities, and are only accessible by air or water.

1.2 YAKUTAT AIR BASE HISTORY

U.S. military interest in Yakutat began by Executive Order in 1929 with the creation of the Yakutat Bay Naval Reservation. As early as 1936, the War Department was considering Yakutat as a site for a military airfield. Soon after World War II began in Europe (September 1939) the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) embarked on a program of building and improving airfields in Alaska with both commercial and tactical values in mind. The first government use of the area was a CAA radio range commissioned in June 1940 on a site near Yakutat village. The War Department acquired 46,083 acres from the Department of the Interior (U.S. Forest Service), Department of the

Navy, and the Department of Commerce (Lighthouse Reserves) for the establishment of an "Auxiliary Landing Field and Staging Area". In October 1940, Army Engineer troops arrived to begin construction of the Yakutat Landing Field (also known as the Yakutat Air Base). Constructed by military engineers and members of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the landing field was completed on June 15, 1943.

The Yakutat Air Base was intended as an advanced airfield supporting pursuit and bombardment aircraft against Japanese invasion forces. However, as western Aleutian bases expanded and the Japanese were stopped on Attu and Kiska, its military value diminished significantly and no aircraft were permanently assigned. Instead, the base served as a ferrying post and temporary station for aircraft squadrons and as a refueling stop between the 48 contiguous states and points in Alaska.

In December 1943, after the Japanese were expelled from the Aleutians, military activities were gradually reduced with personnel and equipment being transferred elsewhere. In April of 1944, the Yakutat Air Base was placed in caretaker status until the end of the war. A similar reduction took place at the seaplane base, which was officially closed on July 22, 1944.

The Yakutat Air Base was declared surplus by the Army in December 1945 and ceased operations in 1946. On December 1, 1945, the CAA assumed responsibility for maintenance and operation of the airfield, leading to the transfer of the airfield and its associated facilities from the Army to CAA on April 4, 1947. The improvements, equipment, and materials that were not transferred to the CAA were declared excess by the War Department to the War Assets Administration for disposal in June 1948, pursuant to the Surplus Property Act of 1944.

Beginning in 1946, ownership of the air base property was relinquished and retransferred to the original owners: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (Tract B containing 42,437 acres - in two portions: July 1946 and March 1947), the Department of Commerce (Tract C, 147 acres – November 1948), and the Department of the Navy (Tract A, 3,500 acres – March 1949). When the Yakutat Bay Naval Reservation was revoked in 1953, 266 acres were withdrawn for the use of the CAA, known as the Air-Navigation Site Withdrawal, and the remaining acreage was returned to the Tongass National Forest.

1.3 L CONCERN HISTORY

The ACOR Tank Farm, built as part of the Air Corps Tactical Gas System during World War II, hosted fifteen aboveground storage tanks (AST) and an associated pipeline system with a total capacity of nearly 750,000 gallons. Yakutat Army Air Base maps indicate that the fuel tanks were supported by concrete "saddles" and were connected by service lines to pipeline system lateral lines. The lateral lines were connected by a drainage lateral that drained toward a pump house located near the center of the tank farm. The pump house was at the low point of the tank farm and drained all lateral lines. Two gasoline-driven pumps pushed the gasoline from the tanks along the pipeline to the fill stands where the trucks were loaded. The piping system was buried in trenches, generally 2 to 5 feet below ground surface (bgs).

Historical property disposal documents indicate that the 15 tanks (1301-1315) at the ACOR Tank Farm were leased by the Army to Standard Oil Company in 1947. The tanks were removed from the site and relocated east of the Army Dock Diesel Oil Tank Farm, at what is now the present day Delta

Western tank farm; the date is unknown (2010). The ACOR piping system was not removed when the tanks were moved. Remedial Investigations (RIs) were performed from 1994 to 2005 to characterize site contamination. Removal actions were performed in 2003 and 2008 to drain, pig, and abandon-in-place, or remove existing pipelines (2009). Those actions addressed the majority of the contamination at the ACOR Tank Farm, however, eight hot spots remained.

The -06 CON/HTRW project is comprised of the following eight areas of concern:

- 1) L1 South Drum Dump
- 2) L3 Tank No. 1301 Foundation (AST 1)
- 3) L3 Tank No. 1313 Foundation (AST 3)
- 4) L3 Tank No. 1308 Foundation (AST 7)
- 5) L3 Tank No. 1303 Foundation (AST 8)
- 6) L3 Tank No. 1306 Foundation (AST 11)
- 7) L3 Tank No. 1305 Foundation (AST 14)
- 8) L4 Truck Fill Stand No. 4

1.4 REMEDIAL HISTORY

1.4.1 2001 Remedial Investigation

In 2001 USACE conducted an RI at L Concern (2003).

At sub-site L1 – South Drum Dump, two borings were advanced and two soil samples per boring were collected. The borings were converted to monitoring wells, one groundwater sample was collected per well. Boring/monitoring well AP-078 had soil and groundwater samples over Gasoline Range Organics (GRO) and benzene CULs. Elevated lead was found in the groundwater samples. There were no other CUL exceedances.

At L3 – AST 1, L3 – AST 3, L3 – AST 7, L3 – AST 8, L3 – AST 11, and L3 – AST 14 two surface soil samples, one boring with two soil samples, one monitoring well installed and sampled per site. ASTs 1, 3, 7, 8, and 11 surface samples had benzo (a)pyrene above CULs. At AST 14, one surface sample had benzene above CULs. Petroleum, Oil Lubricants (POL) contamination limited and localized was found near outfall piping of the ASTs.

At L4 – Truck Fill Stand No. 4 two surface soil samples, one soil boring with two soil samples, one monitoring well installed and sampled. Surface samples had benzo(a)pyrene and DRO above CULs. There were no other CUL exceedances.

1.4.2 2003 Removal Action

In 2003, USACE conducted a removal action to remove or inert pipes at the L Concern. During the removal action, the report noted five localized areas of potential petroleum contamination based on field screening (2004).

The 2003 work included:

• draining, pigging, inerting, and closing in place about 6,158 linear feet (LF) of 4-inch and 6-inch diameter POL pipeline,

- draining and removing about 1,587 LF of 4-inch and 6-inch diameter POL pipeline,
- treating about 2,775 gallons of POL-contaminated water,
- removing and recycling about 4,900 gallons of fuel,
- removing and disposing of about 1,905 gallons of POL-contaminated sludge,
- recycling about 15 tons of metal scrap (pipe, valves, and misc. metal),
- removal and disposal of about 5,000 pounds of presumed asbestos containing material,

• removal and disposal of all valves and pipe from eight valve pits and backfilling the pits to match existing grade, and

• removal of POL-contaminated sludge from one pump house and pressure washing of the interior.

1.4.3 2004 Remedial Investigation

The objective of the 2004 RI was to provide a comparison of the 2001 and 2004 groundwater data to determine if the concentrations measured in 2001 were reflective of the true groundwater quality, or were instead attributable to sediment affects associated with insufficient well development.

Approximately one half of the existing monitoring wells were developed, purged and sampled as part of the 2004 RI field activities. The remaining monitoring wells were not sampled due either to an insufficient groundwater column in the well, or to well damage. With the exception of one sample, the target metal analytes were not detected at concentrations exceeding project to-be-considered criteria. The groundwater sample collected from Monitoring Well AP-078 located at Concern L1 contained 21 ppb lead, which exceeded the 15 ppb 2004 cleanup level established by the ADEC.

Based on the findings, it was concluded that the elevated metals concentrations measured in 2001 were most likely attributable to sedimentation effects, and were not representative of true dissolved-phase concentrations. Using proper development methods and a low-flow sampling technique for the 2004 RI, samples were obtained that were relatively non-turbid, as compared to the reported turbidity values in the 2001 samples. The similar concentrations measured in filtered and unfiltered samples collected from selected wells indicate that this sample collection technique was effective in removing suspended sediment, such that the analytical results for those sample sets are representative of true aqueous-phase metal concentrations (2006a).

1.4.4 2005 Focused Remedial Investigation

In 2005, a Rapid Optical Screening Tool (ROST)/Laser-Induced Fluorescence (LIF) Focused Remedial Investigation was conducted by USACE at L Concern. The objectives of the RI were to

delineate the lateral and vertical extent of petroleum contamination using the ROST/LIF technology, identify the locations of highest non-aqueous phase liquids concentration, collect and analyze soil samples to correlate the ROST/LIF screening results, collect and analyze soil samples for metals and Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) at the Drum Dumps, establish the location of the source area for use in future mapping efforts, identify new and previously surveyed features using differential GPS, collect data for potential future use in developing alternate cleanup levels using a four phase partitioning model, collect samples from locations of highest contamination identified by the ROST investigation, collect samples from locations of highest contamination identified by the ROST investigation and analyze the soil samples by Washington EPH/VPH methods. (2006b)

Focused RI Results:

<u>L1 - South Drum Dump</u>: At L1 – South Drum Dump eight ROST/LIF probes encircled AP-078. All the analytical sample results were below CULs. The ROST/LIF determined that the gasoline contamination was limited horizontally and extended below groundwater vertically.

<u>L3 – AST 1, AST 3, AST 7, AST 8, and AST 11</u>: AST 1 had four ROST/LIF probes installed, ASTs 7, 8, and 14 had five installed, and ASTs 3 and 11 did not have any probes installed. Probes were advanced in a circular layout to encompass the 2001 sample exceedance location. All the analytical sample results were below CULs. The results showed minor POL contamination was limited horizontally and vertically and near outfall piping of ASTs.

<u>L4 – Truck Fill Stand No. 4</u>: At L4 – Truck Fill Stand No. 4 eight probes advanced in a circular layout to encompass the 2001 sample exceedance location. All the analytical sample results were below CULs. Minor POL contamination was limited horizontally and vertically and was found near outfall piping of the fill stand tank.

1.4.5 2008 Removal Action

In 2008, USACE conducted a removal action to remove or inert pipes in the L Concern that ran to Truck Fill Stand No. 4 (2008). With the completion of this RA all the remaining CON/HTRW components of the fuel system were removed or closed in place.

The 2008 work included:

• removal of 127 LF of 6-inch steel mainline,

• draining, swabbing, pigging, inerting and abandoning in place the remaining 1,090-LF of 6-inch steel mainline, and

• soil sampling that resulted in finding no potential chemicals of potential concern (COPCs) along the pipeline system.

1.4.6 2009 FUDS Closeout of CON/HTRW Project 01

In 2009, USACE completed the closeout of the Containerized HTRW FUDS Project F10AK060601. This included the entire fuel system at L Concern. ADEC concurred with the project closeout (2009).

1.4.7 2010 Feasibility Study

In 2010, USACE completed a feasibility study (FS) for the former Yakutat Air Base. The FS included the following areas of concern:

- L3 ACOR Tank Farm, Tank Foundations (15 ASTs)
- L4 ACOR Tank Farm, Truck Fill Stand No. 4

The FS indicated that in areas L3 and L4, the remaining COPCs included DRO, benzene, benzo(a)pyrene, and benzo(a)anthracene (2010).

1.4.8 2016 Removal Action

In 2016, a Removal Action was conducted at L Concern: 468.1 tons of petroleum contaminated soil were excavated from the remaining hotspots. At the sub-site L1 – former South Drum Dump, soil and groundwater samples were submitted to the project laboratory for Gasoline Range Organics (GRO), and Benzene, Ethylbenzene, Toluene, and Xylenes (BTEX) analysis. All the analytical confirmation soil sample results were below ADEC cleanup levels. With the completion of the excavation, a groundwater monitoring well was installed in the former source area of the excavation. The well was developed, purged and sampled and all the groundwater analytical results indicate that the remaining dissolved phase contamination is below ADEC cleanup levels (2018).

At the sub-sites L3 and L4 – Truck Fill Stand No. 4, soil samples were submitted to the project laboratory for GRO, Benzo(a)anthracene, Benzo(a)pyrene, Benzene, and Toluene analysis. The previous remedial investigations determined that the groundwater was below ADEC cleanup levels. With the exception listed below, all the analytical confirmation soil sample results were below ADEC cleanup levels.

The Final Removal Action Report for Concern L (2018) states:

"At AOC L, the Work Plan objectives were met. All contaminated soils above the 2008 CULs were removed and backfilled with clean soil. In November 2016, after the removal action was complete, ADEC reduced the CUL for benzo(a)pyrene from 0.4 mg/kg to 0.17 mg/kg (ADEC 2016b). As a result, there are now four slight exceedances of benzo(a)pyrene in the soil below the backfilled areas ranging from 0.172 to 0.35 mg/kg. These exceedances were scattered and isolated throughout AOC L and are thought to be de minimis. Confirmation soil samples collected from AOC L excavation floors and sidewalls fully characterized in situ conditions relative to the presence and concentration of identified COCs."

<u>L1 – South Drum Dump</u>: All soil contaminated with COCs at concentrations greater than corresponding Method Two 2017 CULs was removed from L1 – South Drum Dump.

<u>L3 – AST Sites</u>: All soil contaminated with COCs at concentrations greater than corresponding Method Two 2008 CULs was removed from the six L3 – AST sites (AST 1, 3, 7, 8, 11, and 14).

De minimis volumes of soil contaminated with benzo(a) pyrene at concentrations greater than the Method Two 2017 CUL of 0.17 mg/kg remain at L3 – AST 1, 3, and 7.

<u>L4-Truck Fill Stand No. 4</u>: All soil contaminated with COCs at concentrations greater than corresponding Method Two 2008 CULs was removed from L4 – Truck Fill Stand No. 4.

A de minimis volume of soil contaminated with benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene, and naphthalene at concentrations greater than the Method Two 2017 CULs of 0.28 mg/kg, 0.17mg/kg, and 0.038 mg/kg, respectively, remain at L4 – Truck Fill Stand No. 4.

1.4.9 2018 Removal Action

During the 2018 removal action, twenty-two preexisting monitoring wells at L Concern were decommissioned. Monitoring well AP-098 was not located. It was later determined that this well had already been decommissioned by USACE in 2016. With the completion of this RA, all of the monitoring wells at L Concern had been decommissioned in accordance with ADEC guidance documents (2019).

1.5 ADEC 2018 REGULATORY CHANGES

In 2018 ADEC made additional changes to their cleanup levels and currently only naphthalene, at L4 - Truck Fill Stand No. 4, exceeds CULs. In October 2018, ADEC promulgated new CULs for benzo(a)anthracene and benzo(a)pyrene of 0.7 mg/kg and 1.2 mg/kg respectively. For these two compounds, all of L Concern meets the 2018 CULs. The most stringent 2018 ADEC Method Two, migration to groundwater (MTG) cleanup level for naphthalene (0.038 mg/kg) was met at all sites except L4 - Truck Fill Stand No. 4. Two out of twelve confirmation sample exceedances were found at 1 foot at 0.0668 mg/kg and 0.139 mg/kg respectively. The ADEC Method Two human health cleanup level for naphthalene is 20 mg/kg. The 2018 report determined that the remaining naphthalene was de minimis.

1.6 CONCLUSIONS

The two naphthalene exceedances of ADEC MTG cleanup values were limited to shallow subsurface soil (1 foot bgs) over a small area and do not pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment. The 2001 groundwater sample results for naphthalene were nondetect and well below the ADEC 2018 cleanup level of 1.7 mg/L. Because of the de minimis quantity, and no detections of naphthalene in the groundwater, there is little likelihood the remaining naphthalene will migrate to groundwater in any appreciable quantity. Accordingly, no further DoD action is warranted at the L Concern – ACOR Tank Farm.

2. SUMMARY OF DECISION

Based on the results of the 2016 Removal Action, USACE has determined that no further DoD action is required at the L Concern – Air Corps Operations Reserve (ACOR) Tank Farm, F10AK0606-06, and project closeout is protective of public health, welfare, and the environment.

This decision may be reviewed and modified in the future if any new information becomes available indicating the presence of eligible CON/HTRW that may cause an unacceptable risk, or pose an imminent and substantial endangerment, to human health or the environment.

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Re: "Declaration of Project Closeout Decision for Yakutat Air Base Formerly Used Defense Site CON/HTRW Project F10AK0606-06 L Concern – Air Corps Operations Reserve (ACOR) Tank Farm Yakutat, Alaska" dated May 2020

Dear Ms. Baez:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Contaminated Sites Program received a copy of the above referenced document on May 01, 2020. The ADEC Contaminated Sites Program agrees that this project closure is consistent with state investigation and cleanup requirements listed in 18 AAC 75. This decision may be reviewed and modified in the future if information becomes available that indicates an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment associated with the project.

Please submit the final signed closeout report.

If you have questions about this closure decision, please contact Rachael Petraeus at (907) 269-7520 or email at rachael.petraeus@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

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DECLARATION OF PROJECT CLOSEOUT DECISION For CON/HTRW Project F10AK0606-06 L Concern – Air Corps Operations Reserve (ACOR) Tank Farm Yakutat Air Base Formerly Used Defense Site Yakutat, Alaska

STATEMENT OF BASIS

The Authority for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS), 10 U.S.C. § 2701-2707, is the Defense Environmental Restoration Account, 10 U.S.C. § 2703. The DERP-FUDS authorizes the cleanup of contamination resulting from past military activities at sites that were owned by, leased to, or otherwise possessed by the United States and under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense at the time of the release of contamination, but transferred from DoD's jurisdiction by 17 October 1986. A hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW) project (F10AK0606-02) was authorized for the Yakutat Air Base property (F10AK0606) in 1995 after completing a Findings and Determination of Eligibility (FDE). The results of the FDE indicated that the Yakutat Air Base property met the eligibility requirements for inclusion in the DERP-FUDS program. In 2015, a revised Inventory Project Report (INPR) was completed to delineate the existing -02 HTRW project into multiple containerized hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (CON/HTRW) projects (F10AK0606-04 through -07). The CON/HTRW project -06 for the L Concern – Air Corps Operations Reserve (ACOR) Tank Farm, was created during this delineation and authorized in 2015.

The CON/HTRW Project F10AK0606-06 has been recommended for site closeout by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (USACE) based on the conclusions of the 2018 removal action report that all contaminated soils above the ADEC cleanup levels (CULs) were removed and backfilled with clean soil with one noted exception. There remains a de minimis amount of soil exceeding the current ADEC (2018) CULs for naphthalene, but the site no longer contains contamination at levels posing an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment. This Project Closeout Report is issued by USACE pursuant to ER 200-3-1, paragraph 4-7.4.1.1.

SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Yakutat is located approximately 225 miles northwest of Juneau and 380 miles southeast of Anchorage, Alaska. The former ACOR Tank Farm is located southwest of Airport Road (Engineers Road), approximately 2 miles north of the Yakutat airport. The site's approximate centroid location is 59.533421 degrees North Latitude, -139.720512 degrees West Longitude; Section 31, Township 27 South, Range 34 East, Copper River Meridian, on land owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office.

Fifteen aboveground petroleum storage tanks and the associated pipeline system were built as part of the Air Corps Tactical Gas System during World War II and held nearly 750,000 gallons of fuel. Yakutat Army Air Base maps indicate that the fuel tanks were supported by concrete "saddles" and were connected by service lines to pipeline system lateral lines. The lateral lines were connected by a drainage lateral that drained toward a pump house located near the center of the tank farm. The pump house was at the low point of the tank farm and drained all lateral lines. The piping system was buried in trenches, generally 2 to 5 feet below ground surface (bgs). (Figure 05)

Historical property disposal documents indicate that the 15 tanks (1301-1315) at the ACOR Tank Farm were leased by the Army to Standard Oil Company in 1947. The tanks were removed from the site and relocated to the east of the Army Dock Diesel Oil Tank Farm, at what is now the present day Delta Western tank farm. The concrete tank saddles remained at the site. The ACOR piping system was removed by USACE during the 2003 and 2008 field seasons.

Multiple remedial actions were undertaken to achieve closure for this project site. The first action by USACE was a remedial investigation (RI) which detected contamination in the soil and groundwater and determine gasoline was still in the tank farm pipelines. A 2003 removal action (RA) was conducted to remove the gasoline and pipelines and pig any pipeline that was inaccessible. To delineate the contaminated soil and groundwater, RIs were performed in 2004 and 2005. Additional pipeline was discovered during the 2003 RA and this was removed in 2008. The CON/HTRW project, consisting of the tank farm fuel system and pipelines was closed out in 2009. The contaminated soil was removed in 2016 and results captured in the February 2018 report. With the completion of the soil removal the protection of human health and environment was achieved.

The February 2018, Final Removal Action Report CON/HTRW for Concern L (USACE 2018) states: "At AOC L, the Work Plan objectives were met. All contaminated soils above the 2008 CULs were removed and backfilled with clean soil. In November 2016, after the removal action was complete, ADEC reduced the CUL for benzo(a)pyrene from 0.4 mg/kg to 0.17 mg/kg (ADEC 2016b). As a result, there are now four slight exceedances of benzo(a)pyrene in the soil below the backfilled areas ranging from 0.172 to 0.35 mg/kg. These exceedances were scattered and isolated throughout AOC L and are thought to be de minimis. Confirmation soil samples collected from AOC L excavation floors and sidewalls fully characterized in situ conditions relative to the presence and concentration of identified COCs."

DESCRIPTION OF THE DECISION

Based on the conclusions in the 2018 Removal Action Report that the site no longer contains contamination at levels posing an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment, USACE has determined that no further action is required at the *L Concern – Air Corps Operations Reserve (ACOR) Tank Farm*, F10AK0606-06 project. The ADEC reviewed the report of the 2016 RA, which was finalized in 2018, and concurred with the report's conclusions and recommendations. USACE received ADEC concurrence with this project closeout decision on 30 July 2020.

DECLARATION

In accordance with the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites, the U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska, has completed all CON/HTRW activities associated with the *L Concern – Air Corps Operations Reserve (ACOR) Tank Farm*, F10AK0606-06 in Yakutat, Alaska. This Declaration of Project Closeout Decision supports the conclusion that no sources of CON/HTRW are present at levels that pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment. This decision may be reviewed and modified in the future if any

new information becomes available which indicates the presence of eligible CON/HTRW that may pose an unacceptable risk, or an imminent and substantial endangerment, to human health or the environment.

This Declaration of Project Closeout Decision has been prepared and approved by the undersigned in accordance with the FUDS Program Policy, Engineer Regulation 200-3-1, May 10, 2004.

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DAMON A. DELAROSA COL, EN Commanding

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17 August 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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2. The undersigned assumes command of the U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska, Corps of Engineers (W2SN04/W07304), as Acting Commander during the temporary absence of the regularly assigned Commander from 17-21 August 2020.

PENNY M. BLOEDEL LTC, EN

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