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Lower Kuskokwim School District  
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Re: Institutional Controls verification for Chefnak School Tank Farm, located along the south bank of Kinia River, 98 miles SW of Bethel, in Chefnak, Alaska 99561

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 Chefnak School Tank Farm 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 2011 Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls (ICs) Determination Decision Document granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). At the time of closure, soil and groundwater contamination were documented as remaining on the property. The contamination is from overfill spills that occurred at the former day tank area at this location.

The 2011 determination is subject to the following site-specific conditions and/or controls:

1. Any future change in land use may impact exposure assumptions cited in the Decision Document. If land use and/or ownership changes, current ICs may not be protective and ADEC may require additional remediation and/or ICs. Therefore, the current and any future owners shall report to ADEC every five years to document land use, or report as soon as they become aware of any change in land ownership and/or use, if earlier. The report can be sent to the local ADEC office or electronically to [jennifer.mcgrath@alaska.gov](mailto:jennifer.mcgrath@alaska.gov).
2. Installation of groundwater wells will require approval from ADEC.
3. Any proposal to transport soil or groundwater off site requires ADEC approval in

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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.*
5. Installation of groundwater or drinking water wells at this site will require approval from ADEC. *This is a standard condition.*

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.

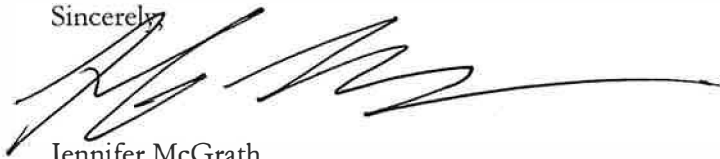
In accordance with 18 AAC 75.380(d)(2), ADEC may require additional site assessment, monitoring, remediation, and/or necessary actions at this facility should new information become available that indicates contamination at this site may pose a threat to human health or the environment.

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: <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/3781>

The ADEC will issue a reminder letter such as this on a scheduled basis, every five years. If you have any questions regarding this site, please contact Evonne Reese at (907) 465-5229 or [evonne.reese@alaska.gov](mailto:evonne.reese@alaska.gov) and she will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer McGrath  
Environmental Program Technician  
Institutional Control Unit

Encl: 2011 Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls Determination Decision 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 ZenTo "drop-off" option at <https://drop.zen.com/us/drop/>. The Division of SPAR/Contaminated Sites Program prefers and encourages electronic submittals.*