

## Department of Environmental Conservation

DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE Contaminated Sites Program

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Re: Institutional Controls (ICs) Verification for: NSB Point Hope **Gasoline Line** (ADEC file #420.38.001) NSB Point Hope **Tikigaq School Diesel Tank** (ADEC file #420.38.004) NSB Point Hope **Tuttu Street Trench** (ADEC file #420.38.006)

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 three referenced NSB Point Hope sites as having 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 each of the three referenced properties, as part of their respective 2008 Record of Decisions granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). At the time of closure, soil contamination was documented as remaining on each of the referenced properties.

Policy and regulations have evolved since these sites were closed with conditions in 2008. Please be reminded that the three NSB Point Hope sites referenced above are subject to the following site-specific and standard conditions and/or controls:

- 1. When the gasoline line is decommissioned, petroleum impacted gravel must be removed and disposed of in accordance with 18 AAC 75 and ADEC guidance. *This condition applies only to the NSB Point Hope Gasoline Line site (ADEC file #420.38.001).*
- 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. **This is a standard condition**.

3. Movement or use of contaminated material in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is prohibited. For example, soil containing residual contamination may not be placed in surface water or other environmentally sensitive areas. **This is a standard condition**.

Failure to maintain these requirements may result in re-opening of one or more of the sites 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 the facilities should new information become available that indicates contamination at the sites may pose a threat to human health or the environment.

If you seek to have the institutional controls removed from any of the sites, you can choose at any time to voluntarily conduct additional assessment, monitoring or further cleanup to demonstrate that contamination at that site now meets the applicable cleanup levels under 18 AAC 75.

Site information is a matter of public record and is available through ADEC's online database record at: **Gasoline Line** – <u>http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/1622</u> **Tikigaq School** – <u>http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/2641</u> **Tuttu Street Trench** – <u>http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/3074</u>

The ADEC will issue a reminder letter such as this on a scheduled basis, every five years. If you have any questions regarding these sites, please contact me at (907) 465-5229 or <u>evonne.reese@alaska.gov</u> and I will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,

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