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Via Electronic Mail Only

Mr. Peter Baker  
1060 Gaffney Road, #4500  
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703-4500

Re: *Final Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection of Per- and Polyfluoralkyl Substances*  
Haines Fuel Terminal and Sears Creek Pump Station

Dear Mr. Baker:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received and reviewed the *Final Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection of Per- and Polyfluoralkyl Substances* for the Fort Wainwright Sub-Installations, Alaska, dated March 2023. This report covers assessment activities for the Haines Fuel Terminal, Sears Creek Pump Station, Tok Fuel Terminal, and the Gerstle River Test Site. This letter is limited to the Haines Fuel Terminal and Sears Creek Pump Station portions of this report.

Regarding the Haines Fuel Terminal, DEC concurs with the conclusion in this report regarding the need for a Remedial Investigation at the Firehouse Office, Shop, and Garage Building 1212 area. The report recommends confirmation Site Inspection sampling at the Fire Pump Building 1208 and Fire Hose Building 1203 areas as the sample results exceeded the screening levels and were J-flagged as 'estimated concentrations' during data validation. Section 6.4.3 of the report briefly discusses the data validation process but does not explain why these samples were J-flagged. Also, as neither the data validation reports (Appendix K) nor the laboratory data packages (Appendix J) were provided, it was not possible to determine why these decisions were made. The note to Table 7-1 states that the 'J' qualifier indicates that, *[i]f the result is an estimated quantity; the result may be biased low*. As the sample results exceeded the screening level and the data validation process indicated that the results may be biased low, DEC concurs with the conclusion that additional sampling is needed and recommends that the US Army include these areas in the Remedial Investigation with the Firehouse Office, Shop, and Garage Building 1212 area if the sample results are above the screening levels.

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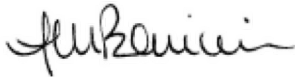
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Regarding the Sears Creek Pump Station, DEC concurs with the conclusion that no further investigation is needed at this site as the historical analytical results are non-detect and there is no historical record of use or storage of materials containing per- and polyfluoralkyl substances.

Finally, it is noted that the US Army did not provide a copy of the work plan for this investigation to DEC for review and approval, as required under 18 Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 75.335(b). We recognize that this work was conducted as a larger, nationwide effort and was not under the management of Fort Wainwright personnel; however, we request that in the future we are included in these investigations in the planning stages.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or either of these sites, please contact me at 907.766.3184, or [annemarie.palmieri@alaska.gov](mailto:annemarie.palmieri@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



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