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Mr. Carey Cossaboom  
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Re: Site Closure Approved  
Haines Military Cut-Off Road site, Haines, Alaska, rekey 198911X100501.

Dear Mr. Cossaboom:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (department) concurs with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) closure of the Haines Military Cut-Off Road project as documented by signing of the *Declaration of Project Closure Decision* by John Halverson on August 15, 2007.

The site was formerly used as a motor park for military vehicles traveling the Haines Highway beginning in 1943. On the site were two large garages, two vehicle inspection areas and 10 underground storage tanks (USTs). The site was sold to a private owner in 1961 and is currently used as a recreational vehicle (RV) park.

Cleanup activities began at this site with a Site Investigation conducted in 1994 by the USACE. A limited Site Investigation conducted by the landowner in 2003 confirmed the presence of the USTs and the petroleum hydrocarbon contamination. An Interim Removal Action (IRA) was conducted in 2004 and 10 USTs and approximately 100 cubic yards of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil were removed. Three (3) groundwater monitoring wells were installed and sampled. A Remedial Investigation was conducted in 2005 with the advancement of 23 soil borings and the installation of 7 monitoring wells and 3 temporary monitoring well points; 26 soil and 13 groundwater samples were collected. Petroleum hydrocarbon soil contamination was confirmed to be remaining in the area of the former USTs; and 1,2-dichloropropane and trichloroethene soil contamination in the area of MW-1. Groundwater sampling showed that the results for all analytes met the respective cleanup levels of 18 Administrative Code (AAC) 75.345, Table C.

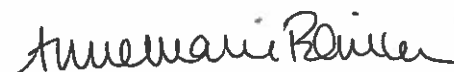
The default soil cleanup levels of 18 AAC 75.341, Tables B1 and B2 for unrestricted residential land-use were approved as site cleanup levels on June 6, 2006.

A remedial action was conducted in Fall 2006 with the removal of all contaminated soil exceeding the cleanup levels. Confirmation samples collected from the excavations demonstrated that all of the contaminated soil was successfully removed. A total of 533 tons of contaminated soil was sent for disposal at the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon. The groundwater had previously been documented to be free from contamination and thus the monitoring wells were removed.

The department has determined that cleanup at this site is complete and site closure is approved. The site's status will be designated as 'closed' on the department's Contaminated Sites Database. Please note that if, in the future, additional contamination is found to be present that may pose an unacceptable risk to human health, safety, welfare or the environment, it must be reported to the department and additional cleanup may be required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 766-3184.

Sincerely,



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cc: Fred Bretthauer, Haines Hitch-Up RV Park