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Dear Ms. Youcha:

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 2005, concerning the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) Notice – Request for Response at the Camp Lonely Landfill. As you requested, we are responding to your information request form:

1. Dave Hanneman, Environmental Engineer, AAL-471, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 271-5225.
2. Records or documentation of waste storage, placement, or disposal cannot be located in either FAA records or by interviews with current and retired employees. Several employees have been interviewed and there is no evidence that the FAA ever disposed of wastes or had wastes to be disposed of at Camp Lonely.
3. The FAA is not aware of any studies, reports, or investigations at the Camp Lonely landfill. The FAA has very minimal information on the property as our equipment was located inside the DEW Line station and maintained by Air Force contractors. Property we acquired in 1983 from the USGS was never used or inspected by the FAA and has been abandoned since that time.
4. No investigations or cleanup activities are planned for the Camp Lonely landfill as the FAA has no responsibility for the landfill. In 2004 the FAA did take down the 150 foot communication tower adjacent to the east side of the CIRI pad and temporarily stored it on pipe racks on the east side of the CIRI pad. A project scheduled for 2005 involves removing the abandoned wooden walkway and small communication building, located at the tower base. All waste materials will be removed from the Camp Lonely area.

5. The FAA has no knowledge of past releases at the Camp Lonely site. The first time an FAA employee ever visited the CIRI pad was in 2003. The visit consisted of inspecting the abandoned tower, building, and walkway on the property, leased from BLM, adjacent to the east side of the CIRI pad. FAA employees have never seen the landfill.

6. FAA operations at Camp Lonely area involved three known or possible systems. First, a known FAA Remote Communication Outlet (RCO) was located inside a DEW Line building. The RCO was maintained by the U.S. Air Force contractors, and on at least two occasions FAA personnel visited the site to conduct repairs of the system. On those occasions, the faulty electronic components were taken back to Deadhorse for overhaul. No batteries are associated with RCO operations. The FAA did not own a vehicle at the DEW Line site as the equipment was located adjacent to the airstrip. The RCO was operated since the early 1970s and shut down in 2003. Disposal fate of the system's components (radio transmitter, receiver, and control box) is unknown and may still be on site. The second possible system is a Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) reported to be at the DEW Line station. Old aeronautical charts state the NDB was a U.S. Air Force system from 1960 through at least 1968. FAA field employees inspected the system in the early 1980s for possible takeover but determined the electronic components were considerably substandard and did not meet the FAA's standards. Therefore, the FAA never operated the system, took possession of it, and had no involvement with it. The eventual fate of the NDB system is unknown but no documentation regarding disposal by FAA employees can be found. The third possible system was located on and/or adjacent to the former Husky pad (Camp Lonely). FAA records show the FAA acquired a lease from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a small amount of land containing the existing 150-foot communication tower, wooden walkway over the tundra, and two small equipment buildings. FAA employees stationed in Deadhorse and Fairbanks involved with activity at Lonely from the 1970s until 2003 were unaware of and have not been to the Husky pad and communication system. Records show the communication building was empty in 1982, before the FAA acquired the infrastructure. In 2003, an FAA employee visited the BLM lease area for the first time to conduct an environmental audit to initiate lease termination and discovered the abandoned system (the standing tower, walkway, and empty building at the base of the tower). FAA does not have any documentation regarding disposal of this property. The tower and a building remain as of 2005, abandoned since 1983 or before.

7. The FAA has no knowledge of leasing property to other parties. The only property the FAA controlled was the Husky communication system, which the FAA never used. The FAA leased that property from BLM from 1983, until the present time.

8. I have included employees who were responsible for maintenance of navigation and communication systems on the "Slope" during the 1970s and 1980s. Many of them had never heard of Camp Lonely. Current FAA employees in the Anchorage area involved with possible Camp Lonely operations include Len Grau, AAL-473, (907) 271- 3737; and Kirby Brown, AAL-471, (907) 269-1850. Mr. Brown is the current hazardous waste contact for the FAA. They can be reached at the FAA, 222 W. 7th Ave, #14, Anchorage, AK 99513.

These employees in the Fairbanks area can be reached through the FAA, NA SMO, 2175 University Ave, Suite 100, Fairbanks, AK 99709:

Doug Miller – (907) 474-0456
Arnie Kopyy – (907) 451-5733
Dave Machacek – (907) 474-0816

Dan Cryer – (907) 712-0711
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Retired FAA employees possibly involved with Camp Lonely operations include:

Wes Pollack – (907) 745-4036
Jack Hetherton – (907) 262-4881
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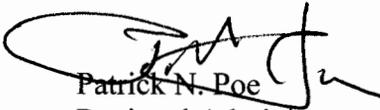
Mike Riley – (907) 488-2381
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9. No other information is known at this time.

10. Federal agencies do not carry insurance.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator

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