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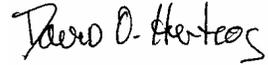
Dear Mr. Norberg

The 611 CES/CEVR in conjunction with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sponsored a public meeting on 21 June 2005 to present proposed changes to restoration plans for the King Salmon Air Station. The Air Force has spent approximately \$43 Million (M) performing environmental restoration at King Salmon including an average of \$1M per year in monitoring for potential contamination since 1997. To increase efficiency and reach cleanup goals quicker, the Air Force chose to perform a Remedial Process Optimization (RPO) at King Salmon to evaluate the ongoing remediation systems and long term monitoring being performed. The RPO was conducted by a team of experts in the fields of toxicology, industrial hygiene, hydrology, and environmental engineering from various agencies including HQ Pacific Air Forces, 611 Civil Engineer Squadron, ADEC, EPA and the community. The team evaluated a substantial amount of scientific data gathered from ongoing remediation systems and groundwater monitoring and issued a formal draft "King Salmon RPO Implementing Study" in March, 2005 which recommended several initiatives to increase efficiency and reduce cost while maintaining protectiveness of human health and the environment.

The updated sampling data has necessitated changes to remediation plans and associated records of decision (RODs). Two Public meetings were held, (April 19, 2005 and June 21, 2005), to ensure the public had the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. The public notice for both the *Anchorage Daily News* and *Bristol Bay Times* are listed as attachment 1 and 2. Attachment 3 is the presentation, which summarized proposed changes to remediation plans and signed RODs. A copy of the attendees is listed as attachment 4. The Public Meeting questions/answers and responses received during the meeting are listed as attachment 5. As required by Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act CERCLA, an explanation of significant differences (ESD) will be finalized. The ESD will be submitted for your and EPA's review and signature.

Please direct any further comments or suggestions to myself, at (800) 222-4137 or direct, at (907) 552-7261 or email dave.hertzog@elmendorf.af.mil.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hertzog". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'H'.

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Attachments:

1. Anchorage Daily News Public Meeting Notice
2. Bristol Bay Times Public Meeting Notice
3. Presentation: Implementation of RPO Recommendations
4. List of June 21, 2005 Public Meeting Attendees
5. King Salmon ESD Public Meeting Questions and Responses, 21 June 2005 King Salmon, AK

Attachment 1 Anchorage Daily News Public Meeting Notice

Attachment 2 Bristol Bay Times Public Meeting Notice

Attachment 3 Presentation: Implementation of RPO Recommendations

List of June 21, 2005 Public Meeting Attendees

King Salmon ESD Public Meeting

21 June 2005

King Salmon, Alaska

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Attachment 4 List of June 21, 2005 Public Meeting Attendees

King Salmon ESD Public Meeting
21 June 2005
King Salmon, Alaska

Meeting Questions and Responses

Question:

What is the state of recovered fuel at Eskimo Creek? (see slides 11-28)

Answer:

The product is highly weathered when it collects in the oil water separator. This fuel is burned for energy recovery or shipped off to a non hazardous waste facility.

Question:

What do the lines on the South Bluff figure represent? (see slide 36)

Answer:

The lines are the groundwater contours. They show the direction and gradient of the groundwater.

Question:

Where did the Air Force purchase property in relation to the Foster residence?

Answer:

The exact boundaries are not depicted on this figure, but the Air Force will provide a detailed diagram. Follow up: The area detailed in slide 36 near Herman Fosters property is depicted by xxx's. The property follows generally the fence line while looking at the bluffs. The property adjacent to Herman Foster's property is used for rain runoff and control to erosion to the cap at South Bluff.

Question:

Has any contamination been detected near the (Matt) Niedermeyer, (Charlie) Durand, or (Floyd) Steele properties? (see slide 36)

Answer:

No contaminants attributed to the Air Force have been found in drinking water wells at the referenced properties. In addition, the properties are hundreds of feet away from any areas impacted by Air Force activities. However, more important are the facts the AF monitoring over the last 10 years indicate no contamination.

Question:

Why is the water quality so lousy at the Fox Apartments? (see slide 37)

Answer:

Poor water quality at the apartments appears related to "B" aquifer natural conditions in the area.

Question:

What is the water quality in monitoring wells near the Fox Apartments? (see slide 37)

Answer:

The nearest monitoring well is MW-12B. This is located adjacent to Steve Thomas moved Duplex Housing. Data for this well is not available tonight; however, the data are in the administrative record and the Air Force will make the data readily available to the public within the next few weeks. Update: I will attach the AF letter to Fred Pike and Paug Vik

Comment:

ADEC is still evaluating the Air Force's request to terminate monitoring at the bluffs by 2015.

Question:

Isn't Paug-Vik property impacted at the Lake Camp site, i.e. the contamination appears to extend off of the Air Force property? (see slide 50)

Answer:

Yes, the Air Force will remediate the contaminated areas off Air Force property. Once the site has been cleaned up the Air Force parcel will be turned over to the Park Service.

Question:

How will the Lake Camp landfill be capped? (see slide 50)

Answer:

An electro magnetic survey is planned to define the limits of the landfill. If possible, as much waste as possible will be removed. A vegetative cap will be placed over the remaining waste. A final cap design has not been developed.

Question:

What was done at the Rapids Camp landfill. The landfill was capped in 1997 with topsoil and a vegetative cover. Annual monitoring at the landfill has been accomplished since the cap was installed. No contaminants have been detected and the RPO recommended termination of monitoring. However, inspections of the landfill will continue for an indefinite amount of time. (no slide)

EPA General Comment:

The EPA noted that the next step in this process is to finalize the document which discusses all the proposed changes. A public notice regarding the proposed changes will be issued. The document which describes the changes, called an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD), will be signed by the Air Force, EPA, and ADEC. The EPA also noted the ESD is part of the 5 year review process currently ongoing at King Salmon. (no slide)

Attachment 5 King Salmon ESD Public Meeting Questions and Responses 21 June 2005 King Salmon, Alaska