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Dear Administrator Jackson:

The Georgetown Tribal Council, of Georgetown, AK would like to request that the EPA place the 10-acre Red Devil mine site, located on the Kuskokwim River, on the Superfund list of national pollution cleanup priorities.

Given the outcome of recent studies by the BLM, we believe at risk may be some two dozen Native communities, including the village of Georgetown. Not only are our people and communities at risk, but also the habitat, fish and wildlife along the Kuskokwim River, which our people depend on for subsistence.

It is our understanding that there is no current documentation stating how EPA and BLM will work together, and there are still issues on who the final decision maker would be on the cleanup process. We feel that placing the Red Devil site on the National Priorities list would ensure a more timely and proper cleanup and would also give the EPA final say on the decisions that will need to be made.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

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