



August 22, 2011

Mr. Mathy Stanislaus
Assistant Administrator
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Grave Concern Regarding the Status of the Red Devil Mine site

Dear Mr. Stanislaus:

Earlier this year, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a public safety advisory for the Red Devil Mine area, recommending that people “do not enter or use” the mine site for any purpose, including subsistence. The warning noted that BLM had found concentrations of mercury, arsenic, and antimony at levels that could pose a risk to human health.

As you know, the site is on 10 acres of land managed by BLM, and has been selected for conveyance, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to The Kuskokwim Corporation (surface estate) and the Calista Corporation (subsurface estate).

As the future holder of the surface estate, The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC) has grave concerns about the current status of the remedial investigation and feasibility study required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and the decision to hold off on including the site on the National Priority List (NPL).

TKC understands BLM would prefer the site stay off of the NPL, and instead it would rather enter into a compliance agreement with the EPA. This discussion between agencies, however, has been going on for several years, with no real progress at the site. The stalemate is unacceptable, and contrary to timelines contemplated in CERCLA and applicable guidance for “Superfund Alternative” sites. In an October 1, 2009 letter to BLM Director Abbey, you wrote: “Listing on the NPL remains an option, should BLM,



EPA and the State of Alaska fail to reach timely agreement on an enforceable alternative to listing that meets CERCLA requirements.” TKC believes that the agencies have indeed failed to reach a timely agreement, and request that the EPA move forward with listing the Red Devil Mine site on the NPL. As you know, the State of Alaska has communicated its non-opposition for the site’s inclusion on the NPL.

TKC remains extremely concerned that BLM conducted an investigation and removal actions (in 2002/2003 and 2005/2006) at the site without adequate site characterization and follow-up. As you know, these actions may have exacerbated conditions on site, as contaminated materials were stockpiled and disposed of on areas of the site that had not been adequately studied.

As the future holder of the surface estate, TKC has a unique interest in the site and in ensuring that the agencies comply with all aspects of CERCLA. Placing the Red Devil Mine on the NPL will ensure that a comprehensive evaluation and cleanup under the CERCLA process takes place in a timely manner and with appropriate oversight.

TKC further requests that the EPA include TKC on all correspondence with BLM and the State of Alaska regarding the Red Devil Mine site. TKC was not informed of the EPA’s decision to delay listing the site under the NPL and attempt to reach an agreement with BLM, nor even that the site qualified for such a listing. BLM has now functionally closed the site to TKC shareholders because of possible threats to human health, and yet that agency continues to oppose the site’s inclusion on the NPL. This is unacceptable, and to comply with the National Contingency Plan and Executive Order 13175, TKC must be afforded meaningful participation moving forward.

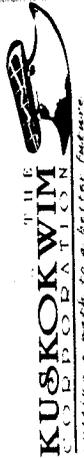
Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Maver Carey, President/CEO
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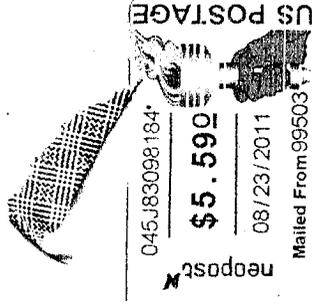
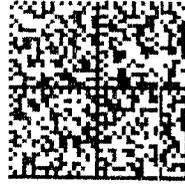


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