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Dear Mr. Decker:

In response to the Public Review Draft for the Alaska 1996 Section 305(b) Water Quality Report, we request the following suspected waterbodies be removed from Appendix I of the draft.

Alaska ID Number	Waterbody	Location	Pollutant Source
10204-001	Greens Cr.	Admiralty Isl.	Road Runoff
20202-102	Juneau Cr.	Kenai Pen.	Petroleum Products, Solid Waste
20202-103	Mills Cr.	Kenai Pen.	Mining

Our findings and recommendations for delisting these waterbodies is based on responses to the public review Draft, by the Tongass and Chugach National Forest. The following is a summary of our findings:

Greens Creek on Admiralty Island: Chemical samples and macroinvertebrate sampling indicate no impairment of water quality below the mine facilities. Paving and capping of the road surfaces, grass seeding of exposed soils, reclamation of waste rock areas and improvements to drainage and sediment retention structures have substantially reduced sediment production from the road and mine site.

Juneau Creek on Kenai Peninsula: All hazardous materials found by the Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Mines were removed and properly disposed by Bristol Environmental Services in September 1995. Materials removed from the uplands and riparian areas included; 240 gallons mixed gasoline and diesel fuel, 95 gallons gasoline, 60 gallons of oil contaminated water, 20 gallons of miscellaneous oil and grease, 3 gallons of acid, 6 lead acid batteries, 7 propane cylinders and 77 empty containers. There was no visible indication that any of the containers were leaking which was confirmed by Bristol Environmental Services at the time of the cleanup. No further sampling of soil or water was deemed necessary because there was no leakage.

Mills Creek on Kenai Peninsula: Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Mines surveyed the site in 1990 and discovered small quantities of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils adjacent to the stream channel. About 50 gallon of various petroleum products in drums and other containers were removed by the mining claimant in 1992.

Ecology and Environmental, Inc. investigated this mining site in September 1994 and confirmed the removal of all containers. The U.S. Bureau of Mines collected water samples below the mine in 1994 and found no contaminants in the water. No contaminated soil has been removed from this site.

Thanks for the opportunity to review the Public Review Draft of the Water Quality Assessment Report. We look forward to working with you in the future to protect the soil and water resources in Alaska.

Sincerely,

for JOHN C. CAPP
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