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Mr. Ronald Pflum
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Re: Conditional Closure of Cape Simpson DEW Line Station

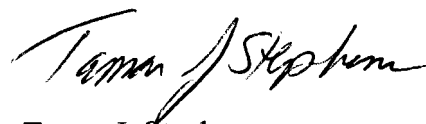
Dear Mr. Pflum:

I am pleased to inform you that the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has changed the site status of the Cape Simpson Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line from "Open" to "Conditionally Closed" on the DEC Contaminated Sites data base. A decision document titled *Declaration of Site Closure Decision* was signed by Colonel Kevin Wilson, District Commander, Corps of Engineers on December 15, 2006, and John Halverson, DEC Contaminated Sites Program, Department of Defense Cleanup Unit Lead, on January 5, 2007. The closure decision is supported by the *No DOD Action Indicated Report – Cape Simpson DEW Line Station* (June 2006), which DEC approved in a letter on June 21, 2006. The report provides a detailed summary of the investigation and cleanup actions that were conducted at the site, and explains the basis for determining that cleanup is complete.

The site cleanup meets the standards for unrestricted use including residential use, and is protective of human health and the environment. In keeping with current DEC policy, the closure is listed as a conditional closure because some soil remains on site with residual levels of diesel range organics at concentrations with the potential to cause a water quality violation (sheen) if placed directly in wetlands or surface water. A notice has been placed in the DEC database to inform site users to contact DEC prior to moving soil with residual petroleum contamination off site.

It has been a pleasure working with you to reach closure at this site. Please call me at (907) 451-2131 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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