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Mr. Richard Gregory
Sourdough Express
P. O. Box 73398
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Re: Sourdough Express Driveway Street, Fairbanks, Alaska
Event ID 1017

Dear Mr. Gregory:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Contaminated Sites Program, reviewed the administrative file for the above referenced property. It was determined that the petroleum contamination associated with the former underground fuel tanks was addressed resulting in the conditionally closed status. However, there was metal contamination (arsenic and mercury) identified in the 1990 assessment report titled "Final Report: Illinois Street and Minnie Street Connector , Hazardous Waste Field Investigation, Phase II" that was never addressed. The report indicated that two surface soil samples on the Sourdough Express property contained concentrations of arsenic and mercury above ADEC's cleanup levels. Since you may (or may not) have been aware of this matter, ADEC is contacting you to inform you and determine what actions (if any) may be required. It is unfortunate that the matter was not addressed at the time of the petroleum contamination but it does not relieve us of the need to resolve this matter now.

Based on the amount of time that has passed since the data was collected and the industrial nature of use at the property, ADEC proposes that an environmental notice be posted on the ADEC Contaminated Sites database records that inorganic metals contamination was previously identified on site. The conditional closure decision required the owner/operator of the property to contact ADEC in the event soil is proposed for off site transport. This condition remains in place and will include the metals contamination when (or if) a future notice is submitted for review. The conditional closure decision also required the owner/operator of the property to submit a plan to ADEC for review and approval anytime soil would be excavated in the former diesel tank excavation area; this condition will be extended to refer to anywhere on the property.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please contact me at (907) 451-2192 or e-mail me at Tamara.Cardona-Marek@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

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