

Department of Environmental Conservation

DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION & RESPONSE Contaminated Sites Program

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Kristen Dubois Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) PO Box 71249 Fairbanks, AK 99707-1249

Re: Verification of Institutional Control Compliance at GVEA Healy Power Plant

Dear Ms. Dubois:

The Contaminated Sites Program is conducting an audit of contaminated sites closed with conditions (Institutional Controls) to verify that closure stipulations such as periodic monitoring and reporting are being performed by the responsible party of record as required under state law (18 AAC 75.375).

In 2009 the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) granted a Record of Decision for the GVEA Healy Power Plant site that included conditions requiring GVEA to report land use conditions to ADEC every 5 years. This request for documentation is according to the 2009 requirements. A copy of the 2009 document is enclosed.

Requested Documentation

In order to ensure that conditions at the site are protective of human health, welfare and the environment, DEC requests that you provide a report or statement which includes a visual observation of the site and information in regards to changes in land use since the 2009 determination. The report can be brief and informal and can be submitted electronically via my email address found below.

In addition to the land use reporting requirement, please be advised that the following Institutional Controls as established in the 2009 Record of Decision continue to apply:

- 1. The soil contamination located under the buildings is currently inaccessible. When the building is removed and/or soil becomes accessible, the contaminated soil will be excavated in accordance with an ADEC approved work plan.
- 2. Any proposal to dispose of soil or groundwater off site requires ADEC approval in accordance with 18 AAC 78.600 (h).
- 3. Movement or use of potentially contaminated soil in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is unlawful.

DEC is concerned that the site conditions may not be protective. Failure to maintain these requirements may result in re-opening of the site by the Contaminated Sites Program, in which case, further remediation could be mandatory.

Please provide the requested documentation either by hard copy letter or email no later than <u>June 20</u>, <u>2014</u>. If you have any questions about these requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 465-5229 or <u>evonne.reese@alaska.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Evonne Reese Environmental Program Specialist Institutional Control Unit

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Encl: 2009 Record of Decision