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Re: Institutional Controls verification for Former Kongiganak School Tank Farm

The Contaminated Sites Program conducts periodic verification of closed sites where institutional controls (land use restrictions) are required under 18 AAC 75.375. We have identified Former Kongiganak School Tank Farm as a site with institutional controls.

In order to prevent people from being exposed to any remaining contamination on the property, **this letter is being sent as a reminder** of the conditions placed on the property as part of the 2009 Record of Decision granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). At the time of closure, soil and groundwater contamination was documented as remaining on the property. The contamination is from leaking pipes from the former Kongiganak School Tank Farm's ten vertical above ground storage tanks that were decommissioned in April 2003.

The 2009 determination is subject to the following site-specific conditions and/or controls:

1. Any future change in land use may impact the exposure assumptions cited in this document. If land use and/or ownership changes, current ICs may not be protective and ADEC may require additional remediation and/or ICs. Therefore the LKSD shall report to ADEC every five years to document land use, or report as soon as LKSD becomes aware of any change in land ownership and/or use, if earlier. The report can be sent to the local ADEC office or electronically to [DEC.ICUnit@alaska.gov](mailto:DEC.ICUnit@alaska.gov).
2. Future installation of groundwater wells will require prior approval from ADEC.

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3. Any proposal to transport soil off site requires ADEC approval in accordance with 18 AAC 75.325(i). A "site" [as defined by 18 AAC 75.990 (115)] means an area that is contaminated, including areas contaminated by the migration of hazardous substances from a source area, regardless of property ownership.
4. Movement or use of contaminated material in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is prohibited.

In addition to the conditions above, you are required to notify the ADEC if there are any changes in land use or ownership. Failure to maintain these requirements may result in re-opening the site by the Contaminated Sites Program, in which case, further remediation could be mandatory.

In accordance with 18 AAC 75.380(d)(2), ADEC may require additional site assessment, monitoring, remediation, and/or necessary actions at this facility should new information become available that indicates contamination at this site may pose a threat to human health or the environment.

If you seek to have the institutional controls removed from this site, you can choose at any time to voluntarily conduct additional assessment, monitoring or further cleanup to demonstrate that contamination at the site now meets the applicable cleanup levels under 18 AAC 75.

This site information is a matter of public record and is available at ADEC's online database record at: [http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/CCReports/Site\\_Report.aspx?Hazard\\_ID=4015](http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/CCReports/Site_Report.aspx?Hazard_ID=4015)

If you have any questions regarding this site, please contact me at (907) 465-5229 or [evonne.reese@alaska.gov](mailto:evonne.reese@alaska.gov) and I will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,



*for* Evonne Reese  
Environmental Program Specialist  
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Encl: 2009 Record of Decision