

**DECLARATION OF PROJECT CLOSURE DECISION
And
NO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTION INDICATED
For
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE HTRW PROJECT
(F10AK005209)
PRISON SITE "A," FORMER NOME AREA DEFENSE REGION
NOME, ALASKA**

STATEMENT OF BASIS

Authority for Defense Environmental program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) for Hazardous Toxic Radiological Waste (HTRW) projects are derived from the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, 10 USC 2701-2707.

This decision is based on the results of Remedial Planning and Activities conducted during 1985 through 2007, and Remedial Actions conducted during 1994 through 1996. The Project Closeout Report, dated February 13, 2008, summarizes these activities.

SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Nome area is located on the south coastal plain of the Seward Peninsula, adjacent to Norton Sound and the Bering Sea. The coastal plain extends approximately 3.5 miles inland to the base of a series of hills and ridges that rise to 1,800 feet above sea level. Nome lies approximately 510 air miles from Anchorage. Nome is a first class city with a population of 3,540. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identification number for the site is AK0000262196. The Alaska Department of Environmental conservation (ADEC) contaminated site record key (reckey) number is listed as 199032X121506. The Prison Site "A" is not listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) and is classified as No Further Federal Remedial Action Planned (NFRAP) by the EPA.

The Prison Site "A" has an area of approximately 40 acres. It is located one-mile north of Nome. The Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility is located on the east end of the site. Topography of the site is hummocky with old dredge ponds and tailings piles throughout the site. Gravel laden soil pads comprise three quarters of the site with the remainder made up of ponds and tundra. Surface drainage is internal with surface runoff flowing to on-site and nearby ponds and marshes. No streams are present on-site. Vegetation is concentrated mainly in the wet areas where grasses and willow form a thick brush. The dry high areas are more sparsely vegetated with willows and grasses. High areas adjacent to dredge ponds are in places devoid of vegetation. These areas are composed of mine spoil and have very little soil development. Permafrost is present in the undisturbed area and generally is lacking in areas with previous construction or mining activities. The Alaska Gold Company and Alascom own the land (remedial activities did not occur on Alascom property).


DESCRIPTION OF THE SELECTED REMEDY AND IMPLEMENTATION

The selected remedy was to remediate soil contamination to risk-based levels. This work was completed in 1994, 1995, and 1996. Contaminated soil was treated on-site or removed and treated at the Tank Site soil remediation facility.

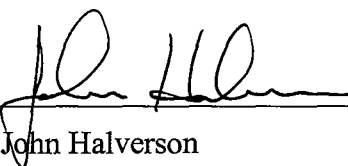
DECLARATION

In accordance with the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites, the U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska, has completed all HTRW activities required for the selected remedy at the Prison Site "A" at the former Nome Area Defense Region, Nome, Alaska. The site is now clear of eligible HTRW. We therefore conclude that all known sources of HTRW have been removed and that no further HTRW actions are required at this site.

This project closure document has been prepared and approved by the undersigned in accordance with the FUDS Program Policy, ER 200-3-1, 10 May 2004.


Date 5 June 2008
Kevin J. Wilson
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Commander

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has evaluated the Prison Site "A" for closure. ADEC determined that this site meets the requirements for closure under Method 2 (18 AAC 75.341 Tables B1 and B2, under 40-inch zone), and that no additional cleanup actions are required at this site under the Site Cleanup Rules in 18 AAC 75.38.325-390. If new information becomes available that indicates contaminants or wastes remain on site and may pose an unacceptable risk to human health, safety or welfare or the environment, this decision may be reevaluated and revised.


Date 6/06/2008
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