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Re: Former Four Bears Mill Site at Ryan Lode Mine

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Thank you for the NORTECH letter report titled *Ryan Lode Land-farm Closure Results* dated June 2, 2003. This report describes the sampling results for the soil that was excavated at the former Four Bears Mill site and subsequently land-farmed on the Ryan Lode EF Heap Leach pad.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) reviewed the above report along with the following reports:

1. Design Science & Engineering report titled *UST Release Investigation Former Four Bears Mill Facility, Fairbanks Alaska* dated September 1996;
2. AGRA Earth & Environmental report titled *UST Closure Site Assessment Former Four Bear Mill Area, Fairbanks Alaska* dated December 1997;
3. NORTECH letter report titled *Corrective Action Plan, Four Bears Mill Site* dated July 19, 200; and
4. NORTECH letter report titled *Four Bears Excavation and Sample Results* dated August 23, 2001.

ADEC makes the following determinations:

1. The land-farmed soil meets the Level-C diesel range organic (DRO) cleanup standard and can be incorporated into the soil that will be used to re-contour the EF Heap Leach pad as part of the solid waste facility closure.
2. The former tank location meets the No Further Remedial Action Planned criteria.
3. Since contaminated soil above the Level-C DRO cleanup level was left in place at the former tank location (NORTECH letter report dated August 23, 2001), Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. shall develop and file an institutional control (IC) for the former tank location.

The purpose of the IC is to describe the nature and extent of any contamination that is left on the property and any restrictions associated with the contaminated soil. An "Environmental Notice" filed with property deed in the Fairbanks Recorder's office would suffice in this case. A notice comprised of the NORTECH letter report dated August 23, 2001 and a statement that the excavation of any of contaminated soil will required notification of ADEC and an ADEC-approved workplan. Mr. Douglas Bauer can assist you in developing the IC.

If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Bauer at (907) 451-2192 or via e-mail at doug_bauer@dec.state.ak.us.

Sincerely,

Douglas Bauer

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