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*Sent via electronic mail only*

Kodiak Island Borough  
Attn: Elliot Blacha  
710 Mill Bay Road  
Kodiak, AK 99615

Re: Institutional Controls (ICs) Verification for:  
**Chiniak School UST #2**, located at 42551 Chiniak Highway in Chiniak, Alaska 99615

Dear Mr. Blacha:

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 Chiniak School UST #2 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 2013 Corrective Action Complete – Institutional Controls Determination (Decision Document) granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). At the time of closure, soil and groundwater contamination were documented as remaining on the property. The contamination was encountered in 2011 during site assessment activities to remove an unregistered regulated 500-gallon diesel underground storage tank (UST) on the south side of the Chiniak School maintenance building.

Please be advised that the Chiniak School UST #2 site remains subject to the following standard and site-specific conditions and/or institutional controls:

1. Any future change in land use may impact the exposure assumptions in the 2013 Decision Document. If land use and/or ownership changes, current institutional controls may not be protective and ADEC may require additional remediation and/or institutional controls. Therefore, the Chiniak School will report to ADEC every five years to document land use, or as soon as Chiniak School becomes aware of any change in land ownership and/or use.
2. The soil contamination located under the maintenance building is currently inaccessible. (See Attachment B in the 2013 Decision Document.) When the building is removed and/or the soil becomes accessible, the soil must be evaluated in accordance with an ADEC approved work plan.

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3. In the future, if soil is removed from the site it must be characterized and managed following regulations applicable at that time. Pursuant to 18 AAC 78.274 (b), ADEC approval is required prior to moving soil that is, or has been, subject to 18 AAC 78, Article 2.
4. Installation of groundwater wells at this site will require approval from ADEC.
5. Movement or use of contaminated material in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is prohibited.
6. Any proposal to transport soil or groundwater off site requires ADEC approval in accordance with 18 AAC 78.600(h). A "site" [as defined by 18 AAC 78.995(134)] means an area that is contaminated, including areas contaminated by the migration of hazardous substances from a source area, regardless of property ownership. (See Attachment B in the 2013 Decision Document.)

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 78.276(f), 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 78.

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/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/25747>

The ADEC will issue a reminder letter such as this on a scheduled basis, every five years. 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,



Evonne Reese  
Environmental Program Specialist  
Institutional Controls Unit

Encl: 2013 Decision Document

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