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Travis L. Vlasoff, Director of Real Estate  
The Tatitlek Corporation  
561 East 36th Ave  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Re: Tatitlek Community & Tribal Buildings  
Hazard ID: 2076

Dear Mr. Vlasoff,

**\*\* STATE OF ALASKA NOTIFICATION – HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE LIABILITY\*\***

This notification letter is to advise you of your liability for the contamination identified at the Tatitlek Community & Tribal Buildings "site" located within the village of Tatitlek. Alaska Statute (AS) Title 46 authorizes the State to respond to this pollution incident and to take appropriate action to minimize potential damage to human health, safety or welfare or to the environment. Under Title 46, any Responsible Party may be held financially responsible for any actions taken by the State.

AS 46.03.822 (Strict Liability for the Release of Hazardous Substances) establishes who is financially responsible or liable for the investigation and cleanup of any release or threatened release of a hazardous substance. State records indicate that you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- owned or controlled the hazardous substance at the time of its release;
- own(ed) or operate(d) the property or facility from which the release occurred;
- own or operate the property at which the hazardous substance came to be located; or
- arranged for transport, disposal or treatment of hazardous substances that were released.

Site History and Background

Three separate locations were sampled by Nortech Environmental and Engineering Consultants in August 2006. Diesel range organics (DRO) concentrations exceeded ADEC Method 2 soil cleanup levels at each location, and exceeded the Ingestion, Inhalation, and Maximum Allowable concentrations in one of those three locations. Residual Range Organics (RRO) exceeded the ADEC Ingestion soil

cleanup level at one of the three locations. The soil sample numbers, contaminant concentrations, and the latitude / longitude coordinates of the three locations are provided as follows:

Soil sample ID TE06-01-05; 89,600mg/kg DRO;	Lat 60.863170 Long -146.679371
Soil sample ID TE06-02-08; 5,090mg/kg DRO; 12,300mg/kg RRO;	Lat 60.865125 Long -146.681308
Soil sample ID TE06-04-02; 2,110mg/kg DRO;	Lat 60.863946 Long -146.679530

The Tatitlek Community & Tribal Buildings site has been added to the ADEC contaminated sites database, which is accessible on-line at the following URL:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/2076>

Cost Recovery for State Oversight

AS 46.04.010 (Reimbursement for Cleanup Expenses) and 46.08.070 (Reimbursement for Containment and Cleanup) require that the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) seek recovery of certain costs, including oversight activities, incurred by the State in responding to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances. Billable oversight expenditures include the direct cost of staff time plus indirect State overhead costs, and could include travel and contractual costs. Billable staff time includes all time spent on activities related to the incident, including site inspections, response and report reviews, correspondence, telephone conversations, meetings, and legal services.

Potential for Future State Action

If you are taking adequate actions to clean up this site, ADEC's involvement in those cleanup efforts will be limited to approving characterization and cleanup plans and reports, monitoring the progress of cleanup activities, and providing guidance as necessary. However, if response actions by the Responsible Party are not satisfactory, ADEC may assume the lead role in the investigation and cleanup efforts. In the event that ADEC assumes the lead role, you may be held financially liable for any response actions taken by the State. Failure to reimburse the State for billable oversight and response actions incurred by the State to address contamination at this site may result in the filing of liens against property you own, pursuant to AS 46.08.075.

You will be receiving a separate letter requesting specific actions to conduct necessary site characterization or cleanup activities. If you have specific questions regarding the investigation and cleanup of this site or if you believe someone else may be responsible for this pollution incident, you can reach me at (907) 262-3433, or via email at [paul.horwath@alaska.gov](mailto:paul.horwath@alaska.gov)

If you have questions about your liability under Alaska Statute, or you have questions about cost recovery and the billing process, please contact DEC's Cost Recovery Unit by phone at (907) 465-5250 or by email at [dec.spar.cr@alaska.gov](mailto:dec.spar.cr@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



Paul Horwath  
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ADEC Contaminated Sites Program

cc: SPAR Cost Recovery Unit, via email [dec.spar.cr@alaska.gov](mailto:dec.spar.cr@alaska.gov)