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Re: Institutional Controls verification for Mentasta School

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 Mentasta School 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 2006 Conditional Closure granted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). At the time of closure, soil contamination was documented as remaining on the property.

Please be advised that the Mentasta School site is 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 cited in the 2006 Conditional Closure. If land use changes, current institutional controls may not be protective and ADEC may require additional remediation and/or institutional controls. ADEC will review the site conditions every five years to document land use, or as soon as there is any change in land ownership and/or use. In the meantime, please let ADEC know if there are land use changes to the property. The report can be sent to the local ADEC office or submitted electronically to CS.Submittals@alaska.gov.
2. ADEC approval is required prior to moving any soil or groundwater off any site that is subject to the site cleanup rules [see 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. In the future, if soil will be excavated or groundwater will be brought to the surface (for example to dewater in support of construction) it must be characterized and managed following regulations applicable at that time and ADEC approval must be obtained before moving the soil or water off the property. *This is a standard condition.*

3. The school's drinking water well shall be monitored in accordance with the DEC Drinking Water Program's schedule. This requirement was recently verified and showed that monitoring is up to date and 2022 results were non-detect for contaminants.

In addition to the conditions above, please 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 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 through ADEC's online database record at: <https://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/25016>.

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 and I will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Evonne Reese".

Evonne Reese
Environmental Program Specialist

Encl: 2006 Conditional Closure document