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Re: **ADEC Letter for “Trading Post Café/Chitina Saloon, MP 33.3, Edgerton Highway, Chitina, Alaska, Groundwater Characterization Report” dated December 2022**

Dear Mr. Thomas Wesner,

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Contaminated Sites Program (CSP) has reviewed, “Trading Post Café/Chitina Saloon, MP 33.3, Edgerton Highway, Chitina, Alaska, Groundwater Characterization Report”, dated December 2022, and submitted to the department on December 2, 2023, via electronic mail by Kasteler Consulting, Inc. The DEC provided comments to the responsible party and environmental consultant on July 31, 2023. A revised report was received on September 1, 2023. The revised report is **approved**.

One analytical sample and one duplicate sample was collected from the drinking water well. The sample was submitted to SGS North America Inc. and analyzed for gasoline range organics (GRO), diesel range organics (DRO), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and lead. No sample analytes were detected.

In 1984 petroleum was detected in the former Trading Post/Chitina Café's drinking water well. In 1985, wells on two other nearby properties also had detections of petroleum. Based on the results of the 1985 sampling and the presence of oil and grease in the wells, the site was added as an “active” contaminated site. In 1986, samples were collected from two of the wells and were analyzed for

VOCs. VOCs were not detected. No source of the oil and grease was ever identified on this property or adjacent properties.

Based on the records for the site and the 2022 sampling event, DEC has decided that this site will be changed from “active” status to “non-qualifying” status. If contaminated groundwater or soil is discovered on the property in the future it must be reported to the department.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me by phone at (907) 269-7556 or by email at: [Alena.Voigt@alaska.gov](mailto:Alena.Voigt@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

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