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Wards Cove Packing Company
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Re: Institutional Controls (ICs) Verification for:
Delta Western Tank Farm - Naknek, Mile 0.5 Alaska Peninsula Highway, Naknek, Alaska 99633

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 Delta Western Tank Farm – Naknek 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 2019 Cleanup Complete Determination 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.

Please be advised that the Delta Western Tank Farm – Naknek 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 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, current landowner will report to ADEC every five years to document land use, or as soon as the current landowner becomes aware of any change in land ownership and/or use. The report can be sent to the local ADEC office or submitted electronically to CS.Submittals@alaska.gov.
2. Permanent signage must be placed near the contaminated bluff to notify site workers and/or visitors of the contamination present. The sign must read:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Petroleum contamination remains in the vegetated bluff.

Please do not disturb. Report any erosion of the
bluff to ADEC immediately.

Signage must be placed. Pictures of the sign should be emailed to ADEC to document placement.

3. ADEC must be notified if portions of the contaminated bluff erode into the river, or if evidence of contamination, such as contaminant seeps, is noted along the bluff.
4. Fencing shall be maintained around the tank farm to limit access and exposure.
5. The property shall not be used for residential purposes including use for child day care, educational facilities, playgrounds, hospitals or similar facilities.
6. In the event that the remaining contaminated soil becomes accessible (i.e. for removal) in the future because of bank stabilization, erosion, removal of the tank farm, facility closure, or for any other reason not explicitly stated, the land owner shall notify DEC and characterize and, if determined necessary, cleanup the soil.
7. DEC must be notified in advance of the subdivision or replat of the property associated with these institutional controls. This recorded Notice of Environmental Contamination must be included as part of future property transactions and attached to subsequent associated parcels.
8. ADEC approval is required prior to moving any soil or groundwater off any site that is, or has been, subject to the site cleanup rules [see 18 AAC 75.325(i)]. A “site” [as defined by 18 AAC 75.990 (115)] 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.*
9. Movement or use of contaminated material in a manner that results in a violation of 18 AAC 70 water quality standards is prohibited. *This is a standard condition.*
10. Groundwater throughout Alaska is protected for use as a water supply for drinking, culinary and food processing, agriculture including irrigation and stock watering, aquaculture, and industrial use. Contaminated site cleanup complete determinations are based on groundwater being considered a potential drinking water source. In the event that groundwater from this site is to be used for other purposes in the future, such as aquaculture, additional characterization and treatment may be required to ensure the water is suitable for its intended use. *This is a standard condition.*

In addition to the conditions above, you are required to 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 75.380(d)(2), 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 75.

This site information is a matter of public record and is available through ADEC’s online database record at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/SPAR/PublicMVC/CSP/SiteReport/3053>

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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Evonne Reese
Environmental Program Specialist
Institutional Controls Unit

Encl: 2019 Cleanup Complete Determination