

## **Department of Environmental Conservation**

DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE Contaminated Site Program

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Re: Kenai Gas Field Pad 14-6 2024 Groundwater Monitoring Report

**ADEC Comments** 

Mr. Farris:

On May 24, 2024, the Department of Environmental Conservation, (DEC) Contaminated Sites Program, received the <u>2023 Groundwater Monitoring Report</u> for the Kenai Gas Field. This document was prepared by Aleut. The report is approved with the following comments on the Pad 14-6 section. Comments on the other Kenai Gas Field pads will be addressed in separate letters.

Between the last two sampling events, surface water sample locations SW-2, SW-3, SW-6, SW-7 and SW-8 have had exceedances of TAH and/or TAqH. The primary contaminant driving the exceedance is toluene, which is not a typical contaminant associated with natural gas condensates. We are requesting that Hilcorp determine if the impacts are petrogenic.

DEC is concerned with levels of hydrocarbon in downgradient monitoring well MW-7 (DRO, Benzene, 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene, Naphthalene). Hydrocarbon have migrated off pad in the past, and pad dynamics have not changed to prevent this from happening again. MW-7 is situated downgradient from identified source areas. It should be noted that previous off pad contaminant migration occurred in isolated wetting surface pathways that would be difficult to catch in a monitoring well. We are requesting that Hilcorp visually monitor the wetlands for impacts.

We are requesting Hilcorp install monitoring wells at the former locations of MW-1, MW-15 and MW-21. These wells will monitor the presence of known free product on the pad and represent site conditions and risks.

1,4 Dioxane is now a contaminant of concern. Expand sampling on the pad to determine extent of impacts.

If you have any questions on any aspect of the project, please contact me at (907) 262-3412, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:peter.campbell@alaska.gov">peter.campbell@alaska.gov</a>

Sincerely,

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