Response to Comments
Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives
Jumping Salmon

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Introduction

This Response to Comments provides the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Contaminated Sites Program's reply to public comments received on the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) for the Jumping Salmon Lodge contaminated site near Chenega Bay, Alaska.

The DEC would like to thank the public for their time and consideration in commenting on the ABCA. The ABCA is a required component of a DEC Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup (DBAC) project. The regulatory authority for oversight of treatment and disposal of contaminated soil is found within 18 AAC 75 Article Three.

In accordance with EPA programmatic requirements, the ABCA must include a public participation process. The public participation process for the Jumping Salmon Lodge ABCA involved submitting a community relations plan to EPA, providing notice to the general public through the distribution of educational materials about the site and preferred cleanup alternatives, accepting public comments on the ABCA for four weeks, preparing a written response to significant and appropriate comments and sharing the ABCA findings to. An administrative record containing all documents pertinent to cleanup decision will be available on DEC's Brownfields webpage.

DEC Public Involvement Actions

A Community Relations Plan (CRP) was finalized on May 13, 2025. The public comment period for the ABCA began May 15, 2025 and ended on June 16, 2025. It was published online via the State of Alaska's public notice system, and physically posted on noticeboards in the Community Center in the Native Village of Chenega. The public notices described how to gain access to and submit comments on the ABCA to DEC's online public comment form or mailing address. The ABCA and an informational fact sheet about the site and preferred cleanup alternatives were published online. On May 5, 2025, DEC staff presented information about the ABCA to the Chenega Regional Development Group, LLC, representing the Native Village of Chenega. A written response to comments and an administrative record containing all documents pertinent to the cleanup decision were published to the DEC Brownfields webpage on June 30, 2025. Additionally, as part of the administrative record, this response to comments document was posted on the Contaminated Sites Database under File No. 2209.38.004.

Table 1: Community Engagement Related to ABCA Public Comment Period

DEC meets with Chenega Regional Development Group, LLC on behalf of the Native Village of Chenega to discuss ABCA	May 5, 2025
DEC finalizes Community Relations Plan	May 13, 2025
DEC provides ABCA to the Chenega Regional Development Group, LLC, for final review	May 13, 2025

prior to posting for public comment	
30-day Public Comment Period Notice and ABCA documents posted on the DBAC and State of Alaska Online Public Notices websites.	May 15, 2025
Notice of public comment period and project factsheet posted the Community Center in the Native Village of Chenega	May 15, 2025
Public Comment Period Closed	June 16, 2025
DEC posts response to public comments on the DEC Brownfields and State of Alaska Online Public Notice websites.	June 30, 2025

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DEC received no submittals from the public.

Attachment 1: Public Notices