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January 28, 2003  
By: Mail and Facsimile

RE: Department Public Notice of Teck Cominco's Draft Workplan to Perform a Risk Assessment in Association with the Contamination at the Red Dog Mine Port and Delong Mountain Regional Transportation System (DMTS)

Dear Stakeholder;

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is public noticing Teck Cominco's draft work plan to perform a human health and ecological risk assessment at the port and DMTS in association with the Red Dog Mine. The risk assessment will focus on the area contaminated by fugitive dust at the port and along the DMTS. The Contaminated Sites Program (CSP) within DEC approved the human health and ecological conceptual models that provides the basis and scope of the risk assessment.

DEC will begin the 30 day public notice of the draft work plan on January 28, 2003. The public comment period will end February 28, 2003. I have enclosed a copy of the draft work plan with this letter for your benefit (enclosed). Additionally, the draft work plan may be viewed electronically at [www.state.ak.us/dec/press/reddog/index.htm](http://www.state.ak.us/dec/press/reddog/index.htm). Written comments are requested to be submitted to Rich Sundet at the following address:

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Mr. Sundet can also be reached at 907-269-7578 and at [Rich\\_Sundet@envircon.state.ak.us](mailto:Rich_Sundet@envircon.state.ak.us).

DEC is also hosting informal open houses at the following locations to discuss the work plan. At those meetings, a representative from Exponent will provide a presentation regarding the work plan. I will be the moderator and host for these meetings and Mr. Sundet will be available. The open house will provide an opportunity for attendees to comment on the draft risk assessment work plan. Individuals can also comment directly to Mr. Sundet. The locations and tentative dates for the open houses are the following:

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Noatak on February 6, 2002 at 1:00 PM at the IRA Backroom and  
Kivilina on February 7, 2002 at 1:00 PM in the community room.

A presentation on the risk assessment work plan will be given at the Alaska Forum on the Environment on February 12, 2003 in the Egan Convention Center at 1:45 PM during the DEC Community Discussion on Red Dog Mine I. Discussions on other Red Dog Mine topics will occur during session II at 3:30 PM

DEC and its term contractor Ecology & Environment (E&E) will be reviewing the draft work plan and compiling the public comments. The department will review the draft RA work plan and public comments and provide comments to Teck Cominco in early April 2003. If data gaps are identified, other field work and/or analysis may need to be performed; that work would probably commence in spring 2003. The final risk assessment work plan will be submitted to DEC sometime after that.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 465-5355.

Sincerely,

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