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RE: Approval of the Final "DMTS Fugitive Risk Assessment Work Plan" dated February 2004 and Response to DEC Comments on the Work Plan

Dear Mr. Kulas:

The Contaminated Sites Program (CSP) within the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and its term contractor Ecology & Environment have reviewed your consultant Exponent's final work plan titled "DMTS Fugitive Risk Assessment Work Plan" dated February 2004 and your response to our comments regarding the plan. The work plan was received via e-mail from your consultant Exponent on February 3, 2004. On April 16, 2004, we provided you comments on that plan and on August 5, 2004 we received a response to those comments from Exponent. Upon review of the August 5th submittal, we had further questions and those questions were satisfactorily addressed in your revised response that was received on September 14, 2004.

Based upon our review of the subject risk assessment work plan and response to comments, DEC approves of the subject work plan and the September 14, 2004 response to comments. The DEC will make available over its webpage (<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/csp/sites/reddog.htm#more>) this approval letter, the work plan, and the September 14, 2004 response to comments. As we understand, the field work that was completed this summer to fill in some data gaps for the risk assessment will be included in the draft risk assessment report. The draft risk assessment report is tentatively scheduled to be provided to DEC in March 2005. When we receive that report, we will publicly notice it.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-269-7578.

Sincerely,



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