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Subject: Request For Confirmation of Completion of Corrective Actions For Two Party Agreement Site 4, Active Landfill, St. George, Alaska

Dear Mr. Howard:

Pursuant to Paragraph 59 of the Pribilof Islands Environmental Restoration Two Party Agreement (TPA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requests Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) confirm that all corrective actions have been completed for Saint George Island TPA Site 4, identified in the agreement as the Active Landfill.

TPA Site 4, located on Tract 38B within Section 36, Township 41 South, Range 130 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, is owned by the City of Saint George. The 5.78 acre landfill site had been in operation for approximately 50 years at the time of the TPA signing in 1996. In August 1997, NOAA awarded the City of St. George a Cooperative Agreement Grant of \$1,738,358 to assist the City in closing the landfill.

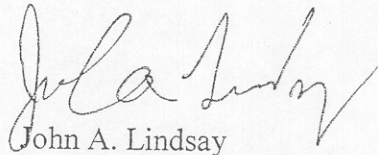
The City and its contractor, CE2 Engineers, Inc., developed a closure plan approved by ADEC in July 2000. Closure included identifying the extents of the existing buried municipal waste; removal of vehicle hulks and large metallic scrap; grading and reshaping the municipal waste; installation of geotextile pad, geosynthetic clay cap and cover material in a manner that ensured all solid waste was covered; installation of perimeter drainage ditches, perimeter markers, and warning signage. Construction started September 2000 and was completed August 2001. As-built plan documents were certified by CE2 Engineers, Inc. in December 2001. Included in the final plan documents approved by ADEC is the requirement for the City of Saint George to perform post-closure care and monitoring activities in accordance with State of Alaska Solid Waste Regulations 18 AAC 60.390.



The closure of the active landfill in existence at the time of the TPA enactment, financed by NOAA and accomplished by the City of Saint George, fulfills NOAA's obligations under the TPA. Currently, the City is operating an interim solid waste disposal area within Tract 38B until a new municipal landfill (under construction) is operational. NOAA considers closure of this interim site the municipality's responsibility, not a TPA action. Attached is a copy of the ADEC letter approving the City's closure plan, reduced size certified as-built closure plan documents, and site photographs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either in writing, or at (206) 526-4560.

Sincerely,



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Attachments