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Please Reply to
Attention of: ECL-115

July 1, 1997

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RE: AK0001413822
USDOI-BLM Red Top Retort Site
T10S R55W S 29, Seward Meridian
2 mi downstream from Village
Aleknagik, AK 99555

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter serves as a notification that the referenced facility was listed on the Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket (Docket), published in the Federal Register on June 27, 1997. The referenced facility has reported to EPA based on a release of hazardous substances under CERCLA Section 103c.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by Section 120 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) outline the requirements for site assessment activities at federal facilities. Section 120(c) of SARA requires that the responsible agency submit a Preliminary Assessment (PA) and if warranted, a Site Inspection (SI) report to EPA within the statutory deadline of 18 months from initial listing on the Docket.

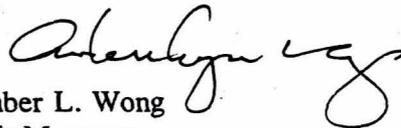
EPA must evaluate all PA/SI submittals and as appropriate, include facilities on the National Priorities List (NPL). The PA/SI reports will be evaluated in accordance with 40 CFR Part 300 Appendix A, which is the EPA Hazard Ranking System (HRS). Executive Order 12580 (1/23/87) establishes individual federal facilities as the responsible party to provide sufficient information for EPA to conduct an HRS evaluation. All EPA guidelines, rules, regulations, and criteria on site assessments apply in the same manner and extent as on non-federally owned facilities.

It has been our experience that many Docket sites require a SI. For planning purposes, we recommend that the PA be completed in 9 months, to allow for EPA review of the PA and scheduling and completion of the SI if necessary in the required 18 month time frame.

For sampling conducted as part of the SI, we strongly recommend that your environmental staff contact our office prior to initiation of field work to ensure that the proper quality assurance/quality control procedures will be used. To insure consistency, we request you provide us with the name and phone number of the individual coordinating site assessment activities for your agency.

If you have any questions or would like to meet with us regarding your agency's Docket listing status, please feel free to contact our federal facilities coordinator, Mark Ader, at (206) 553-1808.

Sincerely,



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