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Reply To  
Attn of: ECL-115

Mike Alcorn  
USDOI-Bureau of Land Management  
Anchorage Field Office  
6881 Abbott Loop Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Re: Kolmakof Mine site, Bethel, Alaska

Dear Mr. Alcorn:

This letter is written in regard to the Kolmakof Mine site ("the Site") which was identified by your office to Mark Ader of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for assessment activities under the federal Superfund Program.

Based on ownership status and other pertinent information, EPA will no longer pursue an assessment of the Kolmakof Mine site. Please be informed that the sampling and quality assurance plan (SQAP) prepared for the Site by Ecology & Environment, Inc. ("E&E"), an authorized contractor for EPA, will not be executed. A copy of the SQAP is enclosed for your information. A discussion of site characteristics and visual observations made by E&E personnel during a prior site visit to the Kolmakof Mine can be found on pages 1-5 and 1-6 of the SQAP. A discussion of migration/exposure pathways and targets is also included in Section 1 of the SQAP.

As you indicated to me, BLM will conduct "drum" removal actions at the Kolmakof Mine this summer. However, if a release is identified, then BLM would start an investigation. Should BLM determine that additional site characterization is warranted, please inform Debby Leblang, Federal Facilities Site Assessment Manager at (206) 553-0115. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (206)553-0323.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica Tonel".

Monica Tonel  
Site Assessment Manager

Enclosure

cc: see reverse

cc: with Enclosure

Harrison Griffin, BLM-AK Field Office  
Doris Turner, Aniak Tribal Council  
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