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Mr. Larry Beck
US Bureau of Land Management
Anchorage Field Office
4700 BLM Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Re: Cleanup Complete
BLM Red Top Mercury Retort, Wood River near Aleknagik, Alaska

Dear Mr. Beck:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received and reviewed the *Hazardous Material Removal Summary Report* for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Red Top Retort site, prepared by North Wind, Inc. dated March 2012.

This report documents the excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 39 cubic yards of contaminated soil with concentrations of mercury exceeding DEC's cleanup level of 1.4 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). Confirmation samples were collected from the excavation; six (6) samples were collected from the bottom and seven (7) from the sidewalls. All of the confirmation sample results were below the cleanup level of 1.4 mg/kg. The contaminated soil was properly disposed of at Waste Management's Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon. The DEC hereby approves this report in accordance with 18 Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 75.380.

The DEC hereby determines that cleanup is complete at the BLM Red Top Retort site. The cleanup has been conducted using the DEC's most stringent risk-based mercury cleanup level of 18 AAC 75.341, Table B1 which is appropriate for unrestricted use of the property. No institutional controls are necessary. If, in the future, additional contamination is found to be present that could pose an unacceptable risk to human health, safety, welfare or the environment, it must be reported to the DEC and additional cleanup could be required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 766-3184.

Sincerely,



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