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Dear Mr. Ceto,

I have enclosed a copy of the draft Red Devil Mine Conceptual Solid Waste Management Plan. This is not a work plan, but a conceptual plan designed to inform all interested parties of proposed cleanup activities at the mine. The final draft of this plan may also fulfill requirements of Alaska's solid waste management guidance, 18 AAC 60. The plan's discussion of disposal of debris that tested as characteristic hazardous waste was developed based on site specific EPA guidance provided in April, 2001. However, additional guidance provided in May, 2001, which indicated the need to treat hazardous debris to render it non-hazardous, was not incorporated due to timing. Besides addressing all EPA comments, BLM has identified the following areas that may modify this draft:

1. An impermeable cap is planned for the contaminated soils around the retort building foundation.
2. Fuel and lubricants were drained from site generators, compressors, and vehicles in 1999.
3. The concrete foundation is not hazardous waste and requires further inspection. Our assumption is that it will stay in place and not be demolished or moved.
4. House #2 is not lead impacted according to the 2000 lead survey results.
5. No state or federal permits are required to construct on-site landfills under CERCLA.
6. The areas outlined for the Area of Contamination and inert debris landfill will likely be much smaller than depicted.
7. The cost estimates only cover disposal of inert debris.

Comments received on this plan will also be considered for incorporation into the 2001 work plan. Please provide any comments on this plan in writing to the BLM address above by June 25, 2001. Please call me with any questions, (907) 267-1442.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Red Devil Mine Conceptual Solid Waste Management Plan

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