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DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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Dear Ms. Vo:

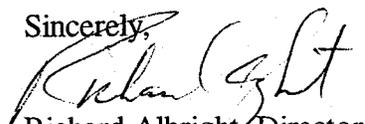
In response to your letter dated September 14, 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appreciates your comments and concerns regarding the Red Devil mine site. As you know, the EPA is actively engaged in discussion with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the conditions at this site. The EPA has received and is currently reviewing a draft work plan for the removal of those known on-site waste materials presenting the most immediate environmental threat. This limited removal action will be the first phase in mitigating the environmental concerns presented by this site. The BLM plans to execute this removal action as soon as weather permits next spring.

In the interim, the EPA will be evaluating the information gathered on this site and will be discussing with the BLM possible future assessment and/or mitigation. During these discussions, the EPA will bring forward and address with the BLM the concerns AI-TC has delineated in it's letter.

As stated in previous EPA correspondence to the AI-TC, since the Red Devil Mine is located on BLM property, it is the legal responsibility of the Department of the Interior (DOI) to address the potential human health or environmental impacts presented by this site. The EPA intends to remain an active participant in advising and assisting the BLM in solving the environmental problems at the Red Devil Mine.

If you have any further question regarding site progress or the EPA's role, please contact Matt Carr, On-Scene Coordinator at (907) 271-3616.

Sincerely,

  
Richard Albright, Director  
Alaska Operations Office

cc: Matt Carr, EPA AOO  
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Reply To  
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October 7, 1998

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Tom Allen, Director  
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Dear Mr. Allen:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the recently submitted work plan concerning the removal action at the Red Devil Mine site. EPA is also in receipt of a letter from the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council concerning possible releases from the Red Devil Mine, and impacts to tribal members and associated downstream lands. Based on their concerns, and a review of existing file information, EPA request that the Bureau of Land Management complete a site investigation of the facility. EPA must reevaluate the site with current information to calculate a hazard ranking score and to complete a removal assessment. Information in existing EPA files is approximately 10 years old and new information is necessary to assess the current condition of the site. Accordingly, please supply the following information:

- ◆ Collect between three and five samples from each tailings pile located at the site (analyze for target analyte list (TAL) metals).
- ◆ Collect three sediment and three water samples from each pond located on site (TAL).
- ◆ Collect three soil and three surface water samples from each of the following locations; the battery disposal area, transformer area and drum disposal area (TAL and target compound list (TCL organics)).
- ◆ Collect two sediment samples from Red Devil Creek between the most down gradient source and the Kuskohwim River. Collect five sediment and surface water samples on 550 centers from the Kuskokwin River beginning at the mouth of Red Devil Creek (TAL)
- ◆ Install 3 monitoring wells between the onsite sources and Red Devil Creek (TAL).
- ◆ Collect background samples for each matrix and from each stream sampled (TAL & TCL).

EPA would like to be involved in the development and review of the work plan for this field work. Please contact me to discuss a schedule and any questions concerning these comments at 206-553-1808.

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Site Assessment Manager

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