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Re: Contract No. 68-W6-0008, Technical Direction Document No. 96-03-0019-A
Preliminary Assessment Letter Report
Teller Spit Supply and Storage Preliminary Assessment

Dear Joanne:

Ecology and Environment, Inc., (E & E) was tasked by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide technical support for completion of a Preliminary Assessment (PA) for the Teller Spit Supply and Storage site in Teller, Alaska. E & E completed PA activities under Technical Direction Document No. 96-03-0019-A, issued under EPA Region X Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) Contract Number 68-W6-0008.

Existing site information was obtained, regional characteristics were reviewed, and personal contacts were made with persons familiar with current site conditions and past cleanup activities at the Teller Spit. Sufficient site data and cleanup information was obtained from the IT Corporation (contractor for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) who has conducted past and present remedial activities at numerous Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) in the Seward Peninsula region of Alaska. Based on this information, the necessity for a site visit became minimal and, following approval from the EPA Task Monitor, was canceled.

In 1989, 14 sites on the Seward Peninsula were inventoried and characterized for environmental restoration and debris removal. The cleanup is funded under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) for formerly used defense sites. According to an Environmental Assessment done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (included in Appendix A of Final Remedial Action Report attached to this report), only 11 of those sites were reevaluated for soil contamination levels. The Teller Spit was not reevaluated because soil contamination was not found or expected at the site. However, non-hazardous debris was found and scheduled for cleanup.

In 1994, the IT Corporation of Monroeville, Pennsylvania conducted cleanup activities at the Teller Spit. According to the Final Remedial Action Report (see Attachment A), work consisted of the removal of marston matting, empty drums, and buried debris within the 24-acre site.

A total of 725 cubic yards of non-hazardous metal debris was removed, staged, and landfilled at a solid waste landfill located approximately seven miles south of Teller. The material was covered with two feet of backfill and restored to original grade. No signs of contamination were encountered during debris removal and no environmental sampling was performed. It was recommended by IT Corporation that no further debris removal efforts be conducted at the Teller Spit.

Based upon current site information, conclusions, and recommendations made by the IT Corporation and personal phone conversations with persons familiar with current conditions at the Teller Spit, it is recommended that no further actions be taken at the site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, and Liability Act/Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (CERCLA/SARA). Personal contact reports are included in Attachment B. Because no source of contamination was not found at the site, a Hazard Ranking System (HRS) score was not completed for the Teller Spit site.

This Technical Direction Document is closed and no further work is anticipated. If you have any questions regarding this PA, please call me at 206/624-9537.

Sincerely,

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