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Ms. Pamela K. Miller, Executive Director  
Ms. Vi Waghiyi, Program Director  
Alaska Community Action on Toxics  
505 West Northern Lights Boulevard, Suite 205  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Ms. Miller and Ms. Waghiyi:

Thank you for your letter dated November 11, 2009, to Mathy Stanislaus, the Environment Protection Agency's (EPA) Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, regarding the FUDS on St. Lawrence Island at Northeast Cape and Gambell. Mr. Stanislaus has delegated this matter to the EPA Region 10 Seattle office to take the lead in reviewing the issues raised by the Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) and determining EPA's future role at these sites. I apologize for the delay in following up with you, but with my recent appointment, I want to bring you up to date on our activities related to these sites.

In 2002 EPA reviewed the work by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at these sites and determined that the USACE was proceeding in a manner consistent with EPA's expectations for hazardous waste sites. We are in communication with the USACE as we begin to update our evaluation of both the cleanup actions they have taken and their expected future actions. I also have asked our Site Assessment program to evaluate these sites to determine if they qualify to be included on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). Based on the outcomes of the above two activities, we will consider again whether or not the USACE's cleanup is consistent with EPA requirements and the appropriate role for EPA in the cleanup of these two sites. We anticipate making determinations on these matters within three months.

In your conversation with Mr. Stanislaus and Region 10 staff, you mentioned that ACAT has collected additional data. Now is an opportune time to make any new data available for our consideration. Please forward any new information you have to Sylvia Kawabata, Unit Manager of our Assessment and Brownfields Unit. Sylvia can be reached at 206-553-1078 or by e-mail at kawabata.sylvia@epa.gov. Sylvia will be our overall point of contact, so you may also contact her should you have any questions.

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Thank you for your continued interest in the FUDS on St. Lawrence Island at Northeast Cape and Gambell. We will keep you advised of our progress as we proceed with our review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis J. McLerran".

Dennis J. McLerran *for*  
Regional Administrator