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MEMORANDUM

Subject: DERP Site Visit - St. Lawrence Island
July 30, 1985 - August 1, 1985

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Situation: Site assessment with COE Project Mgr., ADEC Field Officer and COE Environmental Branch July 30 - August 2, 1985. COE, DERP consists of old army installations on Gambel, Alaska and White Alice USAF on Northeast Cape, Alaska, both on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Sites consist of multiple barracks, fuel tanks, radar towers, past fuel spills, PCB transformers, asbestos and possible H.W. A&E firm has done site assessment, EA will be written.

Actions:

- 1) Fly to Northeast Cape - take photos
- 2) Note spill sites, dump sites
- 3) Note hazardous material (calcium hypochlorite, sodium hydroxide, paints, thinners, antifreeze, various unknown liquids, PCB transformers, asbestos, barrel dumps
- 4) Fly to Gambel - meet Mayor and native guide - discover two army power plants buried in or near village with large transformers
- 5) Note locations of power plants and debris
- 6) Request testing of drinking water and groundwater at both sites

Future Actions:

- 1) COE authorized only PCB sampling will include priority pollutants on future samples
- 2) A&E will do a formal sampling plan to include sampling matrix, groundwater, QA, QC for review by COE and EPA-AAO
- 3) A&E firm will have a registered industrial hygienist and a lab technician on scene of contract cleanup to monitor hazardous material sampling & cleanup

