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DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
CONTAMINATED SITES REMEDIATION PROGRAM**

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Colonel Steven T. Perrenot
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RE: Northeast Cape formerly used defense site (FUDS)

Dear Colonel Perrenot,

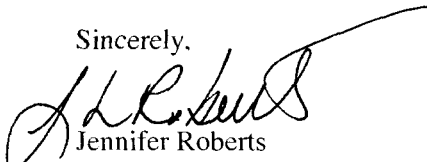
Some stakeholders involved with the Northeast Cape FUDS have expressed concern over the adequacy of the site investigation and that their comments and concerns are not being sufficiently considered during the planning process. They recently requested that Environmental Protection Agency re-evaluate the site for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL). It is our opinion that adding the site to the NPL is not necessary and would delay necessary cleanup activities.

The Alaska District has been working with the community and other stakeholders for several years through public meetings, distribution on fact sheets and establishing a restoration advisory board (RAB). The District worked with the RAB to develop a Technical Assistance for Public Participation grant, which helps provide them technical support. Through our encouragement, the District postponed some fieldwork to ensure the community had ample time to review the plans and provide input.

Debris cleanup at the site was initiated last year and is scheduled to continue. To help ensure stakeholders have sufficient opportunity for input on contaminant cleanup, we request that the remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) be completed, a Proposed Plan be developed for public review and comment, and a Record of Decision be completed before the final cleanup actions are implemented.

We look forward to continuing to work with your staff to ensure the cleanup is successful and supported by the community. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 269-7553.

Sincerely,


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