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Reply To
Attn Of: ECL - 115

Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

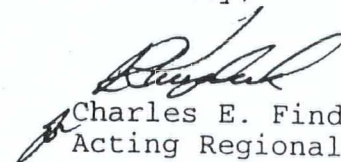
Dear Senator Stevens:

This is in response to your letter of January 10, 2001, on behalf of your constituent, Jerald M. Reichlin, legal counsel for the Savoonga Native Corporation and Sivuqaq Inc., concerning a Formerly Utilized Defense Site (FUDS) at Northeast Cape on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Mr. Reichlin provided your office with a copy of the Preliminary Assessment (PA) Petition submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dated July 26, 2000. The Petition requests that EPA conduct an assessment of the FUDS sites at Northeast Cape.

The Region responded to all signatories on the Petition on September 5, 2000 (copy attached), explaining that EPA would add the site to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) database, and conduct a PA at the site. EPA also stated that all work would be coordinated with the local and Tribal governments. Mark Ader, of my staff, contacted Mr. Reichlin on January 9, 2001, and explained the Region was proceeding with assessment work at the island, but that we were between contracts and the start of the work was delayed. The Region will assign the site to the new contractor the week of January 21, 2001. Mr. Reichlin was satisfied by the response. Additionally, Mr. Ader provided a copy of the Region's September 5, 2000 letter, to Mr. Reichlin on January 9, 2001 (FAX cover sheet attached).

I hope this letter addresses your concerns. Please call me at 206-553-1234 if you have any further questions, or have your staff contact Mark Ader at 206-553-1808.

Sincerely,


Charles E. Findley
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure (s)

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