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To Sylvia Kawabata/R10/USEPA/US@EPA  
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Subject Re: draft meeting notes from conf call w/ ACAT 

Syl,

Under the action items please add that Pam agreed to provide a copy of the letter they are sending to the Corps. Otherwise fine. I do think Richard K. needs to look at this in order to decide if they really want to weigh in again (Juliana already reviewed). Plz mention to him that defacto they are agreeing to look at "new" data as well. It's their choice of course.

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Sylvia Kawabata/R10/USEPA/US

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Kawabata/R10/USEPA/US  
11/03/2009 09:11 AM

To labaw.joanne@epa.gov, Greg  
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Subject draft meeting notes from conf call w/ ACAT

Hello all - below is the notes from our conf call last week with ACAT. Can you please take a look at it and provide me with your comments by Friday Nov. 6th. THANKS - Sylvia

Meeting notes from a October 29, 2009 conference call with Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) regarding the cleanup at the NE Cape and Gambell sites on St. Lawrence Island, AK.

ACAT representatives were:

- Pam Miller - Executive Director
- Viola Waghiyi - EJ Community Organizer

EPA representatives:

- Sylvia Kawabata, Manager of Site Assessment and Brownfields program
- Joanne LaBaw, Site Assessment Manager
- Greg Kellogg - Deputy Director for our Alaska EPA Office
- Jennifer Brown - tribal office representative, Anchorage Office
- Catherine Villa - tribal office representative, Anchorage Office

ATSDR representative:

- Joe Sarcone (located in Anchorage)

The purpose of the meeting was twofold:

- (1) discuss the HRS scoring model and what elements were considered for scoring the NE Cape site.
- (2) discuss EPA's next steps with the COE regarding their cleanup.

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Meeting notes:

We started off the meeting explaining why EPA Region 10 organized this conference call with ACAT. That it was in response to some of the questions that ACAT raised at their Sept. 24th meeting with the senior managers of EPA. These two issues were:

- they wanted to see the HRS score, and
- they wanted EPA to do a follow-up with the COE regarding the ongoing cleanup actions.

Joanne LaBaw, Site Assessment Manager (SAM) who did the original HRS score for the NE Cape site explained the HRS, what it is and what it does not do. Attached is the info sheet that Joanne used in her discussions. We also stated that we could not provide them the HRS score since the site has not been listed and the site score is "confidential (pre-decisional)" until the site is proposed for listing.

ACAT during the conf call asked questions and also mentioned their numerous concerns, frustrations about the COE's cleanup at the site. ACAT plans on putting their concerns in a letter to EPA. What they want is for EPA to take on the oversight of the cleanup instead of ADEC.

ACAT mentioned that they have new data and it should be available in 2 months. Data on PCB, PBDE. ATSDR said that based on AK Health Dept's request - they are going to relook at the data at the site and do a health XXXXX???

So here are the follow-up items from this conf call

- (1) EPA to share info sheet on HRS with ACAT
- (2) ACAT to provide us the new data (data might be available in 2 months)
- (3) ACAT to send letter to EPA regarding their meeting w/ EPA in Washington DC. These letters list their specific concerns they have about the COE's cleanup at the two sites

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- (5) ATSDR will relook at the health consultation that was done in 2001.



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10/26/2009 07:15 AM

To Sylvia Kawabata/R10/USEPA/US@EPA, Linda  
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Subject Draft Letter to the Corps (Gamble and Svoonga)

History:

 This message has been replied to.

To all,

Attached is my shot at a draft letter from the OSWER AA to the Corps. It more precisely describes what we want without the inclusion of ACAT's

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Late Friday, I had a meeting with DEC Commissioner Hartig and Dr. Lori Vebrugge, Alaska State Health Division on another topic. I used the opportunity to describe the meeting EPA had with ACAT in DC. They were both aware the meeting had occurred. While I did not directly ask if they

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As far as data is concerned, I have now asked Pam twice verbally and once in writing if there was human health information beyond that which the AK Division of Health and ATSDR had evaluated. In all cases, she says no.



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Dear Mr. XXXX,

On September 24, 2009, EPA staff and I met with tribal representatives from St. Lawrence Island, AK, and the Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) to discuss their concerns about ongoing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) cleanup work at the Northeast Cape and Gamble "Formerly Used Defense Sites" located on St. Lawrence Island. I understand that the Corps also met with ACAT and tribal representatives to discuss their concerns about that same time.

ACAT specifically requested that EPA place the site on the National Priorities List (NPL) and provide them with a copy of the current Hazard Ranking System evaluation. ACAT and the Tribal delegation also raised their concerns about the adequacy of site characterization, cleanup, and oversight. As you

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Finally, both the Corps and EPA have a trust responsibility for the two tribes on St. Lawrence Island. I ask that you detail the efforts you have made to honor the Government to Government duties we share. During the meeting with EPA, the Tribal delegation indicated their desire for greater inclusion of the Tribes in the decision-making process including direct concurrence on the Record of Decision.

I request that you direct your response to Lori Cohen, Acting Director, Office of Environmental Cleanup in our Seattle Region 10 Office. Lori's address is \_\_\_\_\_. The Region will take the lead in reviewing the information and making recommendations on EPA's future role in the Site. It would be most helpful if you can provide a response by **November 13, [depending on date letter sent]**. Ms. Cohen can be reached at 206-553-6523 if there are any questions.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mathy Stanislaus  
Assistant Administrator  
OSWER





UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 10  
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Seattle, WA 98101

October 9, 2009

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Dear Mr. XXXX,

On September 24, 2009, I along with a delegation from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), met with Tribal representatives from St. Lawrence Island, and the Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) to discuss their concerns about ongoing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) - lead cleanup work at the Northeast Cape and Gamble Formerly Used Defense Sites. Prior to this meeting it is my understanding that a delegation from USACE also met with ACAT and Tribal representatives to discuss the same concerns. The purpose of this letter is to request information as to the status of the cleanup to inform our decision as to how to best to respond to the concerns raised to us.

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ACAT specifically requested that the EPA place the site on the National Priorities List (NPL) and that EPA also provide a copy of its Hazard Ranking System evaluation. As you know, EPA has

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We request that you specifically address the issues above in your response to this letter, and also indicate what plans, if any, you have to address the issues ACAT raised directly to you.

As you know, EPA's Region 10 Office has been aware of this site for a number of years. Therefore, I request that you provide your response to Lori Cohen, Acting Director, Office of Environmental Cleanup, and the Region will take the lead in reviewing the information and making recommendations to me as to EPA's future role in the Site. It would be most helpful if you can provide a response by **November 13, (depending on date letter sent)**. Ms. Cohen can be reached at 206-553-6523 if there are any questions with regard to this request.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mathy Stanislaus  
Assistant Administrator

cc: Pam Miller, ACAT  
Marcia Combes, EPA Alaska Operations Office Director