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March 2, 2010

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Department of Environmental Conservation  
Solid Waste Program  
610 University Avenue  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

**RE: REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER FROM STIPULATION #1 IN PERMIT  
SWZA046-15**

Ken:

Thank you for the quick processing of our permit renewal application.

UCM is requesting a temporary waiver from Stipulation #1 which requires covering truckloads of ash when hauling from the power plant to the landfill. The Healy #1 plant disposes of its ash as slurry. The ash we currently haul is a frozen mud in the winter and a liquid mud in the summer. On February 12<sup>th</sup> we sampled the driest portion of the ash stockpile and determined it was 35% moisture by weight. The high moisture content currently serves as dust control when hauling ash.

UCM is working on developing a cover for a haul truck to use when hauling coal fines to GVEA. Covering the ash truck will be necessary when Healy #2 comes on line because it uses a dry handling system for its ash.

Sincerely,

John Kells, P.E.

Cc: Alan Renshaw, File

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**Re: Request for Temporary Waiver from Stipulation #1 in Permit SWZA046-15**

Dear Mr. Kells:

I received your letter of March 2, 2010 in which you requested a waiver from the permit requirement to cover ash from the Healy #1 plant whenever the ash is trucked to the landfill. You stated the ash has high moisture content and is frozen in winter. These conditions preclude the ash from becoming airborne.

The Department concurs with your rationale and grants approval for the trucks to remain uncovered when hauling ash from the Healy #1 plant. Ash from the Healy #2 plant must still be covered, as it will use a dry handling system for ash.

If you have questions, please contact me at 451-2134 or at [james.spiers@alaska.net](mailto:james.spiers@alaska.net).

Sincerely,



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