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Frank Bendrick, Environmental Coordinator
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Re: Postponing the Field Portion of the Facility Audit from 2020 until Summer 2021

Dear Mr. Bendrick:

Your request to postpone the field portion and associated aspects of the facility audit until COVID-19 safety restrictions allow is **approved**. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation received and reviewed your letter dated August 31, 2020 describing how safety from COVID-19 impacts ultimately resulted in your request to postpone the field portion of the facility audit, which was originally scheduled for the summer of 2020.

Specifically, condition 2.10 of Waste Management Permit 2016DB0002 requires conducting the field inspection portion of the facility audit during the 2020 snow-free season. However, COVID-19 related travel restrictions and health concerns caused HDR Engineering Inc., the firm contracted to perform the audit, and Teck Alaska, Inc. to repeatedly delay the field portion of the audit. Consequently, the field portion of the audit has been rescheduled for early in the 2021 snow-free season, assuming that COVID-19 safety precautions allow.

Contact me at tim.pilon@alaska.gov or (907)451-2136 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Pilon".

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