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SUBJECT: Access Delay at  
Alyeska, Valdez  
Marine Terminal

Attached is the log of delays experienced by the PWSDO in gaining access to the Alyeska Valdez Marine Terminal. I have outlined some of the several types of delays brought about by Alyeska's procedure:

I. Trying to telephone Alyeska is difficult. There appears to be an interface problem between the local phone company and the Alyeska system which makes it necessary to redial many times. Once you get a good circuit, the individual may not answer and most of the time no one answers. Occasionally, when the call is answered by a secretary, she usually does not know where anyone is. It sometimes takes hours for our calls to be returned.

II. Arriving at the security gate, the guard sometimes has problems phoning or radioing the appropriate supervisor. Also, their instructions as to the procedure for ADEC access are limited and confusing, which aggravates the access problems and result in additional delays.

III. Delays getting to the scene, once through the gate, have also been experienced.

In all, the delays have prevented obtaining samples at high flows, looking at oil spills as soon as possible, allowed vac trucks to be staged to present an unreal picture of events and completely prevented observation of some activities.

In addition, we have been denied the opportunity to observe the TK92 cleaning process without pre-scheduling and in some cases, even though we have pre-scheduled to observe an event, Alyeska has changed the schedule without notifying us which caused the activity to go unobserved by DEC.

In addition to the access delay log I suggest you also review the attached excerpts from our field books and memos to the file on meetings with Alyeska which are also attached.

I feel that all the attachments provide a clearer picture of Alyeska's intentions in restricting ADEC access to their facility.

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Attachments

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