

Chevron to clean up PCBs on Kenai

Chevron USA, Inc. has agreed to clean up PCB-contaminated soil and oil at their Swanson River Field facility in Bureau of Land Management. The contamination occurred last summer when gravel mixed with oil containing

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Further tests will be conducted by Chevron to determine the extent of the contamination.

The Order by consent requires that oil in a sump on the site and oil soaked gravel used for the dust suppression, as well as any areas presently known to contain over 50 parts per million of PCB's, be contained by December 31, 1985. No later than October 31, 1986 this material must be eliminated from the site. Additional monitoring, sampling, and cleanup of materials with lower levels of contamination will also be required at the site.

The state and federal agencies have concurred on provisions of the Order by Consent and will share monitoring responsibilities during the cleanup. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the

manager of the Wildlife Refuge where the Swanson River Field is located. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management leases the federal

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the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge on the Kenai Peninsula. An Order by Consent outlining assessment, cleanup and restoration requirements was issued to Chevron on August 6, 1985. Signatories of the Order by Consent are the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S.

polychlorinated biphenyls, hydrocarbons, organochlorines and heavy metals was spread on roads and a parking lot to control dust. The Order by Consent notifies Chevron to prepare and carry out a cleanup and restoration plan which complies with both state and federal guidelines.

Some areas contaminated by PCB's have already been identified by tests conducted by the

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property to Chevron. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has jurisdiction over PCBs and other hazardous substance spills. DEC is involved because it has authority over permits to allow road oiling for dust control.

DEC Commissioner Bill Ross said, "I am pleased to endorse this joint enforcement action. Chevron acted quickly when the

restore the area to the satisfaction of both DEC and federal authorities."

Bob Martin, DEC's deputy director of environmental quality, said, "DEC field officers will help supervise sampling and lab analyses to make certain that the cleanup is carried out carefully, thoroughly and according to stipulations in the Order by Consent."