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The Honorable Representative Andy Josephson Co-Chair, House Finance Committee Alaska State Capitol, Room 505 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Josephson

This letter seeks to answer a question regarding House Bill 25: DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE.

What kind of enforcement actions does the Department of Environmental Conservation intend to implement upon the passage of HB 25?

The Department of Environmental Conservation will continue its existing use of compliance and technical assistance to implement House Bill 25. If passed as written, the department will develop and distribute outreach material to currently permitted operators to inform them of the changes and an estimated timeline for compliance. During routine facility inspections, DEC staff will verify compliance by ensuring that polystyrene foam food service ware is not in use, unless an approved exemption applies.

For facilities found to be out of compliance, the initial approach will focus on education and technical assistance to support the transition to compliant materials. If non-compliance persists, the department will provide additional outreach and written guidance to help facilities meet the requirements. In rare cases where further action is needed, compliance assistance measures such as follow-up visits or formal notices may be used.

Please continue to reach out to the department with future inquiries.

Respectfully,

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cc: Jordan Shilling, Director, Governor's Legislative Office