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The Honorable Geran Tarr
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room 126
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Tarr:

In response to questions posed by House Resources Committee members on March 13, 2020, regarding House Bill 240, please see the information below.

➤ ***Which airports have been tested?***

The following seven airports have been tested: Fairbanks, Gustavus, Dillingham, King Salmon, Cordova, Valdez and Yakutat. Phase 2, i.e., site characterization work, has been completed at Fairbanks and Gustavus.

➤ ***How many airports remain to be tested?***

There are twenty-four airports that remain. The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) is in early stages, including well search work. These are the twenty-four airports: Adak, ANC, Aniak, Barrow, Bethel, Cold Bay, Deadhorse, Galbraith Lake**, Galena*, Homer, Iliamna, Kodiak, Kotzebue, McGrath, Nome, Northway, Petersburg, Port Heiden, Prospect Creek**, Sand Point, Sitka, St. Paul, Unalaska, Wrangell (*Other Potential RPs: *DoD, **Alyeska Pipeline*)

➤ ***What are the total costs to date?***

Excluding Fairbanks (FAI), we have negotiated \$1,137,312 to date under a statewide contract. Including FAI (\$1,955,045), the total is \$3,092,357.

Total DOT&PF Expenditures (less FAI) equals \$465,103.

The Division of Risk Management has paid \$7,673,854.46

➤ ***What has been the average cost per airport?***

Phase 1 (Initial Well Search and Sampling Tasks): \$289,791.25
Phase 2 (Initial Site Characterization): \$226,222.50

➤ ***What is the estimated total cost for all remaining airports?***

The estimated total cost is \$11,642,093.75.

- Phase 1: Average multiplied by 23 (less ANC) = \$6,665,198.75
- Phase 2: Average multiplied by 22 (less ANC) = \$4,976,895.00

➤ ***What is the timeline to achieve completed testing?***

The schedule is dependent upon available resources/funding. Shannon & Wilson has nationwide resources to pull from and indicates that testing could be completed within calendar year 2020. The limiting factor will be the state departments (DOT&PF, DEC, etc.) and their ability to meet the demand internally. In addition, the State of Alaska needs to have adequate resources in place to respond appropriately should positive test results occur.

Please feel free to contact Mike Lesmann at 465-4772 if you or committee members need further information from the department.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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