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## St. Paul Island RAB

Notice of meeting for the St. Paul Island RAB  
To be held at the old King Eider restaurant on  
The 18<sup>th</sup> of June, 2003 beginning at 1:00 pm

### Agenda

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Public comments
3. New Business
  - (A). Resolution 03-01, regarding NOAA's proposed petroleum contaminated monfill plan

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## RAB for St. Paul Island NOAA Cleanup

### Resolution 03-01

Whereas, Congress has mandated that NOAA clean up the lands in the Pribilofs, the State of Alaska has also required NOAA to clean the lands in the Pribilofs.

Whereas, Leaving contaminated soil in a monofill site on St. Paul does not meet the intent of Congress nor does it meet the state of Alaska's regulations.

Whereas, It appears to the RAB that NOAA has spent more money on how to ignore or to get out of being responsible for cleaning up the land. It seems that more money is spent on site characterization than cleanup, and more effort is spent to minimize the actual extent of the contamination at a site than to find the full extent of the contamination at that site.

Whereas, NOAA has asked for the ten times rule to be used to minimize its cleanup responsibility, claiming that it was ok to have the land left partially contaminated because the site is not near our drinking water. We were willing to consent to this proposal provided that the contaminated soils were removed and cleaned up.

Whereas, Now NOAA wants to avoid cleaning up this removed soil. To make matters even worse NOAA wants to put this contaminated soil in a monofill site that will jeopardize our main source of drinking water. The old City's NOAA Landfill site is being closed and moved because it is too full, and most of all because it poses too much of a threat to our main source of clean drinking water.

Whereas, the RAB rejects this proposal because:

First, of all, the contaminated soil should be dug up and cleaned up, not stock piled forever in some monofill site.

Second, moving the contaminated soil outside the ten-times rule area without a plan for treatment is a violation of State regulations.

Third, even if the State regulations allowed for the contaminated soil to be moved outside the ten-times rule area without treatment, the State would be in violation of its own rules, let alone Federal regs. to allow contaminated soil from a ten times rule site to be put into a site that puts at risk the Community's drinking water, particularly since NOAA is asking for the ten-times rule waiver claiming that the original contaminated site was not jeopardizing the Community's drinking water in the first place.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the St. Paul Island RAB opposes the idea of not treating the contaminated soils and asking the Community to pick the better of two evils, as to where to stockpile these contaminated soils forever in some monofill site.

Furthermore, Be It Resolved, The contaminated soils must be removed from the contaminated sites, and must be treated!