

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Senator Dennis Egan Juneau Delegation Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

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Sincerely,

Dennis J. McLerran Regional Administrator

cc: Mayor Bruce Botelho, CBJ

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Representative Beth Kerttula Juneau Delegation Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182



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