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Greetings to people interested in the sulfolane investigation at the North Pole Refinery,

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has developed a Sulfolane Health Fact Sheet and released it today - I have attached it to this email, and you can also find it on their website at <http://www.epi.alaska.gov/eh/SulfolaneHealthFactSheet.pdf>. We hope you find it helpful. If you have any questions about the fact sheet, please contact Nim Ha at [Nim.Ha@alaska.gov](mailto:Nim.Ha@alaska.gov), or by phone at 907-269-8028.

DEC continues to work with that agency's Division of Public Health on information about the health implications of sulfolane. They have asked a federal public health agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), to recommend a level of exposure for sulfolane in drinking water that does not harm human health, both for children and adults. Unfortunately, this takes some time, but we anticipate a response in February 2010.

Today (January 12<sup>th</sup>) we updated some information on our web page about the refinery site – please see <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/csp/sites/npolerefinery.htm>. We have added additional information about groundwater and noted that tests of private wells to the east of the refinery have been performed and have not detected sulfolane.

If you know of others who would like to receive updates via email, please have them email me and I'll include them in the future. We will also send out updates by postal service to those at the meeting who don't have email. If you have questions about DEC's work on this issue, please write or call me.

About future emails: We respect your privacy and will send out updates in a way to keep your email addresses hidden. If you do not want to receive future emails from DEC on this topic, please write back and let me know.

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