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Henry Matson Jr.  
President  
Native Village of Port Heiden  
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Dear Mr. Matson,

This letter is written in response to recent discussions between the community of Port Heiden and the Denali Commission's (Commission's) washeteria program partner, the Alaska Department of Conservation (A-DEC), Village Safe Water (VSW) program.

While the Commission understands the community's desire to proceed with a washeteria project, the recent determination by VSW, as articulated by Mr. Greg Magee in the letter to Port Heiden dated August 6, 2009, and the lack of any additional funding for new washeteria programs at the Commission, will not allow for construction of a new washeteria. Therefore, the Commission supports VSW's decision not to proceed with development of the new washeteria.

In addition, the Commission supports the recommendation provided by VSW in the aforementioned letter for an alternative system in Port Heiden. Commission funding can be spent on this alternative system. If the community of Port Heiden does not wish to proceed with the option proposed by VSW, the Commission funds for Port Heiden will be withdrawn and moved to other agency priorities.

Please contact Ms. Tessa Rinner, Director of Programs, 907-250-0541 or [trinner@denali.gov](mailto:trinner@denali.gov), with any questions regarding the Port Heiden project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Krag Johnsen".

Krag Johnsen  
Chief Operating Officer

CC: Greg Magee, A-DEC/ VSW

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