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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 90-13

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC POLICY PETROLEUM FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH RESIDENTIAL USES OF LANDS WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH IN THE AREA OUTSIDE OF CITIES

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska is planning the development of a petroleum fire training facility within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, the facility is designed to train up to 2000 students per year; and

WHEREAS, the site presently under consideration for construction of the facility is outside of the City of Kenai in the community commonly known as Nikiski; and

WHEREAS, the specific location of the currently proposed facility is adjacent to residential subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the university proposes to burn propane with gasoline at quantities of total BTU of up to 2400 gallons of gasoline per day with special studies in which diesel fuel would be burned; and

WHEREAS, the burning of petroleum products produces smoke and the burning of diesel fuel produces dense smoke; and

WHEREAS, certain area fire chiefs are desirous of expanding the facility to include structure fires; and

WHEREAS, the facility will have fuel, petroleum and other toxic products stored on site which even though controlled by ADEC permit requirements could result in contamination of surface and ground waters in residential areas dependent upon domestic water from individual home wells; and

WHEREAS, the open burning of large quantities of petroleum fuels and the use of associated machinery may result in high decibel noise pollution; and

WHEREAS, the burden on the Nikiski area air shed is approaching maximum saturation and any additional emissions in residential areas may be detrimental to humans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That as a matter of public policy, petroleum fire training facilities are incompatible with residential uses of lands within the Kenai Peninsula Borough in the area outside of cities and should not be located within the general proximity of any established residential use area.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be directed to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, University of Alaska, and Senators Fischer, Kerttula and Szymanski; Representatives Kubina, Navarre, Swackhammer, Wallis, and Zawacki.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1990.

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James W. Skogstad, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Borough Clerk