

## Ralph Deatherage

I am strongly opposed to STT's proposal to build a contaminated soil treatment plant at the location off the Kenai Spur Highway in Nikiski. I cannot imagine why they wish to build such a site in the middle of a residential community. The risks to residents far exceed any benefit. I am sure there are other more isolated areas where such a plant could be constructed.

As I addressed at the STT information meeting on Wednesday, 7/14/2021, I am concerned about the residual gases as a result of the burning/incineration process. I am also very concerned about the air quality along our highways & roadways as contaminated soil is being transported to the facility. Safe containment of the contaminated soil during transportation needs to be addressed.

Additionally, somehow STT has by-passed the permitting process through our local Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB). KPB not only has safety & integrity building regulations/codes, but also notifies its residents of new developments. Ample public notification as done by KPB, provides all KPB residents the information and public comment period. This is NOT solely a DEC permitting project.

Respectfully,  
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