



Native Village of Barrow

Mission Statement for: Environmental Department

To protect and promote Inupiat Sovereign Rights, Self-Determination and Self-Sufficiency; as well as preserve and strengthen Inupiat Culture/Traditions and Natural Resources for Tribal Members by providing quality services in a fair and accountable manner.

It is the goal of Native Village of Barrow Environmental Department to provide Environmental Protection services for Realty Rights Protection to stakeholders of Restricted Property and Native Allotments and the surroundings within Native Village of Barrow's jurisdiction.

Responsible for:

Description of impact: Surplus DOD materials blew into the Elson Lagoon in October of 1963. This debris caused navigational hazards to subsistence hunter of Native Village of Barrow. Debris in the Barrow Drums Ravine is a physical hazard to snow machine hunters and some hazardous contamination exists. Potentially contaminated runoff from the ravine is flowing into the ocean. Future storms may erode into the ravine and move the debris into the Arctic Ocean.

Specific impacts to be addressed is in pre-proposal: the 2005 program will concentrate on hot spot areas within Elson Lagoon, specifically the old barge in front of Crescent Island, an old tank over at Tulageak Point and old tanks at Ross Point and Scott Point. NVB will remove and relocate the abandoned barge at Plover Point. NVB will place the barge next to the small boat harbor ramp to protect the ramp from sever weather. Re-use of the barge will be significantly cheaper than cutting it

up and disposing in the Barrow Landfill. NVB will simultaneously begin removing debris from the Barrow Drum Ravine. Debris from the Barrow Drum Ravine will be properly disposed according to the contents of the individual drums. Trained personnel will identify hazardous materials and properly contain, label, and temporarily store it for disposal in a suitable facility.

NVB will contract with legal and environmental consultants to assist them with program development, permitting, environmental sampling, health and safety advertisement and final report writing.

NELAMP conferences, AFE Conference, Training, legal review and Environmental Consultant needed on project. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Alaska District, NALEMP/Project Manager: Ron Pflum 907-753-5785/fax 5626. Elson Lagoon AK99799F2510 - FUDS#;

Staff:

Environmental Program Manger/Director and a full-time Field Technician, and 10 field skilled laborers

Note:

Environmental Department was allocated an amount of \$35,000.00 for Tribal Shares for health and safety of tribal/community members of Barrow from hazardous materials. Environment Department during Aug/Sep had a crew of three, a vehicle and a battery tote from North Slope Borough (NSB) DMS Barrow Landfill (borrowed).

Environmental Department saw a need to reduce the amount of hazardous batteries within the community of Barrow. This was based on observations and complaints received from community members that these batteries are left in the yards and along side the roads plus by the dumpsters. During summer months we felt that this was a very dangerous for the youth when they become exposed and the youth are playing out in the yards around our community.

The total amount of batteries that have been collected came to 94 batteries and delivered them to the Barrow Landfill and put into the secured connex box. This has been a good cooperative effort to reduce the hazardous waste (batteries) within NVB and NSB since majority of the folks where not aware to where to bring them to or to have the proper knowledge of disposing of the batteries.

This was a good small program and a small funding program to reduce hazardous waste (batteries) within Barrow. Hope this can continue in the future with funding from ASNA under health and safety programs for tribal/community members.

A review of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) – should be reviewed where the jurisdiction of Native Village of Barrow exist. Where public decision making and planning efforts that is being analyze within our jurisdiction be a priority within our organization.

This is to warrant the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of this data (i.e. all maps, data that may represent physical, biological, cultural, political, administrative, or social features related to such plans of development) for tribal member use or Native Village of Barrow's use which would be in line with its jurisdiction and its decision making for our tribal membership.