CIAP WEAR Trip Report Akutan (population 75 year-round, 1,106 summer) July 13, 2012



Alaska Department Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Solid Waste Program (Elizabeth Stergiou and Jacob Timmons) conducted a Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), Waste Erosion Assessment and Review (WEAR) site visit for Akutan, July 13th, 2012. The following narrative is a brief description of our findings during our July inspection.

WEAR Sites

Landfill, 54.135389/-165.763304 (Active) — This site is at the far eastern point of the main boardwalk. The nearest source of erosion is the Bering Sea less than 10 feet away. The landfill has an incinerator building although there was no evidence of its use. Trident Seafood accepts some waste from the village, which is shipped off of the island. Litter was found on the beach. Improper disposal of paint cans and electronics were observed.





Old Incinerator and Dump, 54.134907/-165.771188 (Active) –This site is located 1300 feet east of the airport between the road to the landfill and the ocean. The nearest source of erosion is the Bering Sea 100 feet away. The site includes more than 40 vehicles, some with fuel still inside. The dunes behind the site are actively eroding. The soil around the site is fine sand colonized by beach grass.



