CIAP WEAR Trip Report Atqasuk (population 248) August 21, 2013



Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Solid Waste Program (Trisha Bower and Kym Bronson) conducted a Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), Waste Erosion Assessment and Review (WEAR) site visit for the Village of Atqasuk, August 21st, 2013. Tom Nicolos, the North Slope Borough Airports and Landfills Manager, helped coordinate our visit. The following narrative is a brief description of our findings during the August inspection.

WEAR Sites

➤ Landfill, 70.502884/-157.453324 (Active) — This roughly 10 acre landfill is a secured and permitted landfill that is operated by the North Slope Borough Public Works Department. It has been in place since the 1980s. The North Slope Borough allows only municipal waste from Atqasuk residents to be placed in the landfill without prior approval. Municipal waste is burned in a burn unit; however the unit is dilapidated. Waste from special projects may be allowed if the project submits an application to the North Slope Borough, and it is approved. ADEC approval is required in the North Slope Borough application process for polluted soil and other special wastes. There is currently a small amount of soil being landfarmed at the landfill. The landfill also accepts construction and demolition debris and has a metals disposal area. This facility is located approximately 1 mile north of the community and 6900 feet from the Meade River.









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➤ Tank Farm, 70.477149/-157.418405 (Active) — The community tank farm was constructed in 1996 and is located on the south outskirts of town in a secured area. This tank farm is owned and operated by the North Slope Borough and is regulated by the ADEC Terminals and Tank Farms Section. It provides fuel distribution to the public through a pumping station and sales attendant. Outside of the fenced area is a stockpile of 55 gallon drums and gas cylinders. One of the facility buildings also has a separate tank in a secured area and housed a fuel delivery vehicle. The total capacity of the site is 651,042 gallons of diesel and gasoline. This site is located approximately 1650 feet from the Meade River.













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