

CIAP WEAR Trip Report  
Togiak (population 871)  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012



Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Solid Waste Program and Contaminated Sites Program (Kitrina Persson, Bill O'Connell, and Jamie Gorman) conducted a Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), Waste Erosion Assessment and Review (WEAR) site visit for the Village of Togiak on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Anita Atakitlig, IGAP Coordinator, and Joseph Johnston, the landfill operator, participated on the site visits. The following narrative is a brief description of our findings during the July inspection.

**WEAR Sites:**

- **Heights Road Landfill, 59.063253/-160.474691 (Active)** – This unpermitted landfill is located at the base of a mining operation, approximately 1.5 miles west of Togiak Heights Subdivision and 3.2 miles west of downtown Togiak. The facility incinerates the majority of waste within a fenced site that has controlled gate access. Salvageable and non-burnable materials are left outside of the fence, unsorted and with open access for the public. Refuse reaches the landfill by means of a trash collection service run by the city. The landfill is located within 200 feet of a water body with fishing and berry-picking areas nearby. The site is located at a higher elevation about 2.1 miles northwest of Togiak Bay.



- **Landfill Drum Storage, 59.063923/-160.473782 (Active)** – This fenced area located near the landfill, next to the equipment garage, contains dozens of 55-gallon drums and a large Jet-A fuel tank. About half of the drums, reported to contain contaminated soil, are stored in a lined corner of the fenced site. The rest of the drums are in another unlined corner of the site. Between the two clusters of drums sits the Jet-A fuel tank, which is in a depression that has filled with 8-12 inches of water. Surrounding this depression, the soil is stained and the vegetation is distressed. It is located approximately 700 feet from a small lake and 2.2 miles northwest of Togiak Bay.





- **TFD Tank Farm, 59.063635/-160.368398 (Active)** – This fenced tank farm contains around 20 vertical and horizontal fuel tanks. There is stressed vegetation around several of the tanks (dead and blackened grass) and the northeast corner has a significant amount of stained soil and dead vegetation. Water Bodies are approximately 110 feet away on either side of the tank farm. Togiak Bay is to the south and a bay-fed slough is to the north. A sea wall has been put between the site and the bay.





- **Airstrip Landfill, 59.044020/-160.419146 (Closed)** – Located at the end of the runway, between Togiak Bay and a small lake, this landfill operated for 20 years from around 1980 until it was closed between 2000 and 2001. It is completely covered with full vegetative re-growth. The waste at this site was moved to the current landfill when the site closed. Togiak Bay is 140 feet to the south and the lake is 50 feet to the north. The lake contains pike and is sometimes used for fishing. There are many berry-picking areas in the vicinity.

