

Anvik Tribal Council

Environmental Program

Brownfields Tribal Response Program

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Community of Anvik

A Historic Athabascan Village



Village History

- Anvik has long been a cultural and traditional Athabascan village.
- Before Anglo contact (Zaghoskin 1730's) The village was believed to have a population of 3,000 to 6,000 seasonally
- Post Anglo contact the village was decimated by Smallpox, Influenza and Tuberculosis epidemics
- Episcopal Diocese of Alaska founded a Mission and School in Anvik in 1887
- Territory of Alaska founded a school in 1952
- Ingalik Inc. (now Deloy Ges) founded under ANSCA in 1972

Program Overview

- Number of years funding: 2 years
- Program status: Established
- Staff size: 1 full time, 2 part time
- Organizational structure: The Tribal Response Program is half of the Tribes Environmental Program, the other department is the EPA IGAP program

Anvik Tribal Councils Brownfields History

- ❖ The ATC has administered an EPA IGAP Grant since 2003
- ❖ An element of the original IGAP workplan is to address contaminated sites
- ❖ 2004: IGAP staff discovered the Brownfields Tribal Response Program
- ❖ 2005: ATC applies for first year of EPA 128(a) funding
- ❖ 2006: ATC hires staff and commences first year work plan to *Establish* a Tribal Response Program
- ❖ 2006: ATC applies for second year EPA 128(a) funding to *Enhance* the Tribal Response Program
- ❖ 2007: ATC applies for third year EPA 128(a) funding to *Enhance* the Tribal Response Program
- ❖ 2007: ATC BTRP Holds 40 hour HAZWOPER training and 8 hour refresher for local first responders
- ❖ 2007: ATC BTRP holds GIS training
- ❖ 2007: ATC BTRP begins Phase I Assessments

AVEC Former power plant site



- The Alaska Village Electric Cooperative has provided power to customers in Anvik since 1971
- Power Plant experienced Yukon river flooding in the 1970's, 1980's, and 1990's

AVEC Site Re-location



- The Power Plant was moved out of the flood plain in 1997
- Potential contaminants at the abandoned site include Diesel Fuel, PCB's, Lead, Solvents, and possibly other unknown chemicals

Old School Site



- School was built by Territorial Government in 1952
- Ownership Transferred at Statehood in 1959
- Iditarod School District formed in 1977
- Potential Contaminates include Lead and Asbestos
- New School built in 1980

Old Ingalik Tank Farm



- Ingalik Inc. (now known as Deloy Ges Inc.) founded under ANSCA in 1972
- Deloy Ges is the main fuel vendor in the village
- Tank Farm and Dispensing Station upgraded by Denali Commission Project in 1999

Old Ingalik Tank Farm



Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Plan

- These three sites are adjacent or located near to each other
- This area of the village has high potential for redevelopment
- Majority of residents wish to see area redeveloped for community use
- Comprehensive Community Plan (approved in 2005) addresses redevelopment of this area as a high priority
- Anvik Tribal Council, Deloy Ges Inc. and the City of Anvik are cooperating to initiate Redevelopment

Program Successes

- Establishment of program
- Rental of office space
- Purchase of equipment
- Hiring of staff
- Staff training
- Inventory of potential Brownfields sites
- Public Involvement Plan

Program Deficiencies

- Staff turnover (largest hurdle so far)
- Staff technical knowledge/training (direct result of staff turnover)
- Actual public involvement: little or no attendance at meetings
- Enforcement Authority: The Tribe needs to adopt Tribal environmental ordinances

Thank You

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