

AK Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting Notes from 11/6/12 at ATCEM

Misty Hull , USDA

USDA funds solid waste facilities and solid waste equipment as long as it's tied to a construction project. Grants can be applied for year round (no deadlines). Zender group can assist with filling out applications since the paperwork can be cumbersome. We can fund 45-75% of project costs. Community needs to provide at least 25% match. Loans are also available. Can pay for costs of If closure of old If as long as it's tied to developing new landfill. Usda tries to encourage a regional If. See this document for more information about the types of usda funding available. <http://www.zendergroup.org/docs/usda.pdf>

Ted Jacobson, EPA

Sw tribal liaison-help desk for ak communities for solid/haz waste. Can do site visits but funding if reduced for this. taking reservations, requests for visits. Might do several visits in a row in a region. If you're interested in a visit, please send photos of landfill on the ground and in the air. (helps for planning)

Simone Seballo and Lynn Zender, Zender Environmental

We provide trainings on solid waste management (see dates below), solid waste technical assistance to Alaska communities, and assistance with applying for USDA water/waste grants.

December 5-7, 2012 Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning (ISWMP) Training, Anchorage

May 15-17, 2013 Water Quality Training, Anchorage

January 16-18, 2013 Rural Alaska Landfill Operator (RALO) Training, Bethel

Summer/Fall 2013 Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning (ISWMP) Training, Anchorage (Dates TBA)

Summer/Fall 2013 Sustainable Solid Waste Management (SSWM) Training, Anchorage (DatesTBA)

We also do site visits to assist in person. We develop a quarterly sw newsletter – contact us if you'd like to be put on our email list. We have a lot of solid waste documents on our website that we update and frequently add new ones <http://www.zendergroup.org/index.htm> Also note that the SWAN village to village message board is back up and running at <http://members.boardhost.com/SWAN/>

Kim Katonica and Denise Roy U.S. EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, Wash DC

Kim - We are here at ATCEM presenting about the Agency wide plan – input deadline is nov 8th. We have a one page comment form if people want to give written comments. We are currently

developing another addition of the Tribal waste journal which is on the topic of household haz waste and will be out soon. Past issues are on-line at www.epa.gov/tribalmsw

Denise – Manage the hazardous waste program for tribes. Annual grants with a total pot of \$300k. Individual grants are capped at \$75-\$79k. It funds hhw collection events, development of codes and regs, and many other haz waste activities. The last one was due in July 2012. Next one should come out Feb-Apr 2013. Fund around 4 projects a year. National grant. We normally receive 11-15 apps so relatively low amount. Alaska tribes should apply!

Jolene John, Ruralcap

Community development manager for energy and development program. Deadline Nov 16 for Raven and Birch AmeriCorps grants. Ruralcap will be funded for a SW assessment project that will focus on Yukon coastal communities (assessment of cleanup needs, development of improvement plan, training and tech assistance). Looking at projects of \$60k max. Could include equip. RFP will out early 2013. May run for 4 years.

Mark Spafford, Denali Commission

We have \$100k total in SW program that hasn't been allocated yet. Working with Ruralcap to find needs. Actively trying to solicit to approach Commission with the needs. In data collection mode to see what will be best fit for what limited \$ they have. Communities should call me because we're actively trying to find SW projects. Interested in if there's an existing road project or other project and equip is already mobilized and Denali could help complete. No time limit on funding but want to get allocated within next 6 months.

Mike Blair, SWANA

Represent AK SWANA. Don't provide \$ Do provide training events for communities and regions for IF operators and administrators about IF issues. 3 day RALO training. Provide instructors and training docs for RALO and the training venue. Also provide per diem for the instructors. They just ask to be covered for instructor travel and lodging. Trainings are free. Also provide large landfill course – certification and do it every 3 years – 1 in April in ANC, 1 in Fairbanks in May 2014. Anchorage in 2015. Bethel is a class 2 example. Homer is a class 2, Glenallen class 2. Also provide RALO trainings like what's at ATCEM. (operator refresher).