



Here is the old “Waste Oil” collection tank that was located near the local boat harbor in King Cove. This tank was not monitored well and as you can see caused an oily contamination to the area. The word “waste” was used because nobody really knew what materials were entering the old tank.

In 2004 the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove’s Environmental Department successfully obtained a grant through BIA to purchase brand new “Used Oil” storage tanks (seen below). They ordered three different tanks for various locations in the community as opposed to the outdated single tank. The new tanks are 110% contained and are also located on a protective cement platform as an extra precautionary measure. The oil levels in the new tanks are checked daily and weekly maintenance inspections are preformed. Once the tanks are full, the oil is transferred to the City Shop where it is burned in a used oil furnace to heat the building. Because the tanks remain locked, people must get assistance from the Harbor or Public Works employees. All oil entering the tanks are inspected at that time. The Environmental Department also created brochures for every box holder in the community to instruct them about the dangers, proper handling and disposal locations for used oil. They also worked with the City of King Cove to develop an ordinance (04-22) prohibiting the improper disposal of used oil. The ordinance was passed in December 2004. The Tribe also purchased a SmartAsh Burner for the safe disposal of used oil filters and oil saturated materials.

