

Native Village of Nightmute

On April 23, 2007 in the morning John and David assembled the trailer mount. In the afternoon we hooked up the Burn Box to the IGAP Honda and took it through the lagoon road to the river where it is the best avenue to get it across the riverside. We went on to the river and just below the CVRF Fishery Support Center building the trailer right wheels got stuck in the snow, we tried to pull it using one Honda, but unfortunately one Honda was not strong enough to get it unstuck. After trying to get it unstuck several times, we decided to go to the Tribal Office and ask the tribal janitor if it would be ok to use the Clinic Honda, because one Honda was not strong enough to pull the six (6) thousand pound burn box, after we got the approval we went up and link up the two Honda with a strong rope like a train, since the ice and snow was too slippery, the trailer did not move.

While we were trying to move the burn box Mr Jay Dull Sr. LKSD janitor stopped by and decided to voluntarily attach the LKSF snowmachine to the front of the first Honda, which we end up with three vehicle in a chain like. We kept pulling and pulling and out of the blue the trailer got unstuck, and it move all the way down, close to the dump site, but hundred (100) yards to the dump we got stuck again, this time the left wheels got stuck into the snow about six (6) to seven (7) inches deep, this took about one and half hour to get it unstuck. While we were trying to get it unstuck from this area, Elder Moses Tulik who is also an ATS agent came by and started helping out, when it finally got unstuck, I decided to go get the burn barrel mats from the clinic connex where they we're stored for the winter to place on the snow to prevent the burn barrel from getting stuck again, while I was at the connex Isadore Tulik stopped by and asked what the mats we're for, I told him that they would be used to prevent the burn barrel from sinking into the tundra, so I asked if he would be able to help us bring up the burn barrel by the dump site he agreed.

When I came back Mr. Jay Dull Sr. had left to work at school, but Elder Moses Tulik stayed with us until we got to where the burn barrel will be stable from sinking into the tundra. When we got close to the river bank the two Hondas couldn't pull the burn barrel any longer, so we attached Isadore Tulik's snowmachine in the front of the first Honda, since river slope close to the river bank was some what at an angle and the three vehicles couldn't move the burn barrel, so I decided to make an announcement over the VHF radio that Moses was carrying, for more help, few minutes later Mr. Foster Wallace and Aaron Sunny came to aide us, and we we're able to bring it up by the dump site. When we got to a good location we placed all five (5) mats under the barrel burn barrel. Before we moved the burn barrel across the riverside, David and I had to access the river and what area would be the best place to put the burn barrel.

This statement is only for one day of work on the burn box.



Tundra Bag Demonstration Clean-up Project of the Dump Site

In this morning John and David gave safety briefing, hand out protective clothing, masks, boots, gloves, to each workers, assigned job duties, addressed what should be burned and what not to burn. We watched the video on “Burn Unit Demo”, at the resident of Joseph Tony’s house, so we or they will know the operational of the burn barrel unit. The hired residents were, James Joe, Edward Joe, Kenneth Sunny, Joseph Tony, John and David took the equipment and supplies to the work site and brought two bundles of super sacks to project area.



We had made an announcement of the VHS radio to see if any of the residents would want to rent their boat and motor for the whole project period. John made a rental agreement and presented it to President, Joseph Post to review it and sign. Took the IGAP four wheeler Honda and Trailer across the riverside to the project area, for the use of hauling super sacks once they are filled up with solid waste trash.



The first protective breathable coveralls had minor problems, they end up being torn when they reach out or step too far, and protective gloves sweat too much on the inside, so we talk to our labor workers, what’s best or a good way to protect themselves from contaminations. The best option was buying duct tape to patch the holes and tears. Since the first patch of safety gear, were no longer usable we ended up ordering the yellow safety gear to replace the white ones. The work begins at 8:00am in the morning and ends at 5:00 pm.



On the first day of the project we bagged 13 super sacks and we began cleaning from the east end of the dump site and work our way east, on the second day we bagged 19 super sacks and the total bags we filled on the first day was 40 bags. The bags were filled half full and towed to the berm creation which is location about 100 to 150 feet away from the river bank, once the bags are put in place we use a four trailer to top off each bag to square them off. So far the total bags we have filled is 70 bags in just 1 week and one day. The burnables, salvageables, electronics, and recyclables we separated. So this way they would end on bagables. We have picked 3 TRA Totes with acid batteries and they weigh at 3,886.5 pounds, which Coastal Village Region Fund (CVRF) is willing to back haul them out of Nightmute for free and for one time only which we are fortunate to get this service. We have one more TRA tote to fill in once the power plant operator brings it to the makeshift storage site, which may bring the total to 4 or 5 thousand pounds of acid batteries. Before the project began, John George IGAP project director has been soliciting to Larson Hunter, one of the CVRF workers to see if they would find a way to back haul acid batteries out of Nightmute. At first CVRF would be able to back haul them but John kept on persisting, and several weeks later he got the okay from the CVRF barge manager. CVRF will pick up the totes sometime in June on the first barge.

Some of the workers were also sent to the clinic to follow up their scheduled appointments which were made before the start of the project. Edward Joe has been laid off because he has to attend to his surgery in anchorage and was immediately replaced by the standby applicant Morgan Joe.



The picture of the volunteers that helped us haul the burn barrel to the dump site will be taken once they return to Nightmute from the summer relocation. We have moved our cleaning site from the west end of the dump site because the river bank from started eroding due to permafrost melt down. At the dump area we have made a make shift tent out of water proof tarp as a bread area, the only time the laborers are brought to the village is noon and the end of work day. David Tulik IGAP Technician Assistant has made a diagram of the dump site set-up (see below).



Sincerely,
John George, Project Director
David Tulik, Technician Assistant

