

Burn Baby Burn, or NOT?

“An air quality project by the Bristol Bay Native Association in partnership with the Aleknagik Traditional Council and EPA”

Project Background:

Concerns about indoor and outdoor air quality have been escalating due to heightened awareness of pollution sources and associated health risks. As fuel costs increase, more homeowners are burning wood to supplement their home heating needs.

To date, no data has been systematically collected to determine the type and age of wood stoves (and heating systems in general), and related harvest practices.

Project Description:

The project is collecting information on home heating systems and harvest practices using a survey and a face-to-face interview. The survey focuses on stoves, steam baths and smoke houses.

A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) was drafted to ensure data collected is valid and can be relied upon for its intended purpose.

Homeowners are offered educational materials on home energy efficiency, wood stoves, wood smoke, and wood energy fact sheets.

Data will be collected, analyzed, and presented to local leaders, homeowners, state and federal partners via workshops, reports and Tribal consultations.

Project Collaboration:

The project is a collaboration between:

- Tribal Environment Program (BBNA)
- Tribal Energy Program (BBNA)
- Tribal Forestry Program (BBNA)
- Aleknagik Traditional Council
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

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Efficiency & Sustainability

Are we doing it right?

- Are our wood and oil stoves efficient?
- Are we seasoning, storing and stacking our firewood properly?
- Are we familiar with EPA certified wood stoves?
- What type and how much firewood are we burning?
- How far are we travelling to get firewood?