Notes from the AVCP Regional Backhaul Teleconference – April 12, 2012

**Attendees:**

Santina Gay, EPA

Stan Tomaszewski, Maniilaq

Don Wedll, AVCP

Steve Street, AVCP

Sharon Slim, AVCP

Reilly Kosinski, Total Reclaim

Anahma Shannon, Kawerak

Joey Billy, KRWC

Lucille, KRWC

Simone Sebalo, Zender Env  
Joe, Quinhagak

Mahri, EPA

Update from Don, avcp - Sharon contacted ak logistics - looking at finding a spot in bethel that could be a staging area for this project. Probably wouldn’t be an ongoing thing tho. But it’s still being discussed. But for this project, will try to find a location for a staging area. Part of the issue is the potential of ending up with materials that they can’t deal with. Wouldn’t necessarily have the $ to deal with those materials. The risk they feel is fairly significant. Might be more favorable for a tribal org or a village closer in to act as a hub or to work with the city of bethel on that.

Santina asked if Rose Kalistook has been engaged as a possibility?

Avcp hasn’t specifically talked to them. Might be a possibility. Bethel itself is fairly large community with a lot of stuff going on. There will be things happening sw-wise in bethel in the near future so it’s still all being sorted out.

Santina asked about used oil drums in bethel? Don said people are looking for a way to deal with oil.

Santina – interested in knowing where drum sites are. Don said people are definitely interested in finding solutions. Used oil burners were discussed. The tricky thing is when you don’t know if it’s oil or something else which can be a real problem.

Avcp’s program is for batteries and ewaste.

Anahma said that they have never had a problem with receiving stuff they didn’t want. theye have moa’s in place with villages and they know that if they do send something they’re not supposed to, they would be sent a bill and they wouldn’t be able to use program. So making it clear what the rules and consequences are. She has never had a problem in the 2-3 years they’ve been doing it.

Avcp- there are other ways things get into bethel so that’s one concern.

Santina- is there any way you could talk to the transport companies to ban materials?

Avcp – the concern is more an opportunistic situation – folks might just drop stuff in. the city deals with this now

Santina - Epa’s and dec’s fining process has been pretty strong – stiff fine for this and they’re really on it. so it’d be worth mentioning. We can find a way to gently raise this issue so we can support avcp to not get into the situation.

Stan – we have letters of support for our program. Have a staging area (connexes) on city property. We don’t have formal agreements with transport co. We haven’t had any issues of unwanted materials. If it did happen, the city would be contacted and they’d take it or not. Used oil in villages – places are too small for used oil burner so they deal with used oil another way. is there a protocol to notify DEC of drums of oil?

Let Santina know and she can respond by involving john jones rcra guy at epa , and dec – epa has a good relationship with them for working on the abandoned drums site. Did a clean up in sand point. Good joint effort.

Santina – info about ryan air. Got a call from ted j – he talked to ryan air. They are not transporting any backhaul. There are a bunch of materials on the staging area and they’re not taking …. Nobody is paying for it, some glitch in the system.

Lucille- the manger for ryan air is going to be quitting– going to be hiring a new manager for ryan air. This is just for bethel area. So maybe things will turn around there.

Santina – maybe have a call soon with ted, and ryan air. Or just call ryan air and mention the projects we’ve got on the horizon. Interested in maintaining the relationship.

Reilly – we’d love to know what the hangup is. We have rules for paying for shipping so would love to know what the issue is.

Santina, ted, and Reilly will do a call with ryan air next week. stan will look into if they’re having prob with ryan air.

For Stan’s backhaul program he makes sure arrangements were made to pay the backhaul and also asks what the rate is-if folks using the program don’t ask for the backhaul discount, they’re charge them the normal rate (discount is 50%)

Joe from quin –which airline do we send our stuff through?

Avcp- We need to see what’s happening with ryan air. We reimburse the village for the transport. This is the first I’ve heard about the issues with ryan air in bethel. We’ll need to look into the issue.

Joe – we are shipping al cans thru grant air. Could we use grant air to send ewaste and batteries?

Avcp – I don’t see why not?

Santina - We’re not prescribing any particular company to use. it’ll just be the entity most willing to work with the programs. This project is only ewaste and batteries. Gap funds can be used for transporting cans. Avcp can only reimburse for ewaste and batteries – they need to be separated on the billing statement.

Joe – we have been using alpar program –on space available basis.

Joey – wanted to announce the NIC backhaul summit August 21-22, 2012 in Bethel

Santina – maybe a topic for this summit is how we can sustain backhaul beyond the avcp special project.

The next backhaul call will be Apr 24th 1:00