



Letter of Support for SWAN

Our funding source for SWAN has almost ended. We are seeking alternative funding to continue the Solid Waste Alaska Network (SWAN) website (www.ccthita-swan.org) and assistance service. We are looking for letters of support for SWAN to include with our grant proposals. If you feel SWAN is a useful resource to you, your organization, or your community, we would greatly appreciate a letter of support. Your letter will assist very much in securing continuing funds for SWAN.

If you would like to write a letter, include whatever details you can, or have time for. For example, any of the following information would be helpful to include,.

- ♦ How have the SWAN website, materials, message board, and/or conference presentations been useful to you or your Village?
- ♦ Do you feel SWAN provides solid waste information that isn't found elsewhere?
- ♦ Do you feel SWAN fills a role for solid waste for Alaska Villages that the State DEC can't?

Your letter of support can be **as brief or long** as you like. The letter can be made out to "To whom it may concern". If possible, the letter should be written on paper with **Tribal letterhead, or letterhead from whichever organization you represent** (e.g. City, business, school, or yourself). Letters can then be **mailed, emailed, or faxed** to us - whichever is preferred (see our contact details at the bottom of this letter).

Our goals at SWAN are to continue to:

- ✓ Develop practical, useful solid and hazardous waste materials applicable to Villages state-wide that can be implemented locally by the Village as much as possible.
- ✓ Lessen dependency of Villages on consultants and outside contractors for technical solutions
- ✓ Lessen the time spent by Villages in compiling the information they need.
- ✓ Work towards increased funding for all Villages for solid/hazardous/environmental waste issues by compiling information on the statewide status of dumpsites and conditions and the impacts to health and subsistence
- ✓ Continue to inform Villages of important deadlines for grants, trainings, conferences, through the use of our solid waste calendar
- ✓ Continue the development of SWAN as a vehicle for Villages to share information directly with one another through our Village-to-Village message board
- ✓ Continue the organization of Alaska Solid Waste Workgroup meetings to bring together entities working on solid waste in Alaska, so that efforts aren't duplicated, and funding not wasted
- ✓ And continue to offer direct solid waste assistance by phone or email to all Alaska Villages.

Any words of support for SWAN will help us continue our assistance to Alaska communities. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. Thank you so much for your valuable time.

Regards,

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