

## SWAN Action Sheet

### Hazardous Waste Collection and Backhaul

Does your community want to gather hazardous wastes and ship them out? If so, it CAN be done! Several Villages have successfully performed hazardous waste backhauls - give them a call for tips and ideas!

#### **1** Learn from other Villages.

##### **Native Village of Chenega**

**Contact: Kate McLaughlin 573-5476**

In conjunction with their annual Village Spring Clean-up (in May 2004), the Native Village of Chenega held an electronics and household hazardous materials collection day at their hazardous waste shed located at their landfill. The event was advertised to the community ahead of time and to make the collection/cleanup fun, everyone who participated enjoyed a picnic of hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, apples, oranges, juice and ice-cream. Each child also received a glass mug filled with candy and small gifts. Prizes and gift certificates were raffled, every child earning a ticket for each bag of trash they brought in. Elders and those with health related problems were able to call the Environmental Office to get their items picked up at their homes. The types of electronic equipment people dropped-off included assorted PC hard-drives, monitors, keyboards, mouse pads, copiers, TV's and VCR's. Household hazardous wastes collected included old paints, solvents, and batteries. With the assistance of a certified HazMat technician from PSC Environmental, all the materials collected were separated by type, counted, properly packaged for shipping, and stored in their shed until the summer. All materials were then shipped out on the summer barge.



Electronics collected at Chenega

##### **Other Villages that have successfully collected and shipped out hazardous wastes are:**

Native Village of Ft. Yukon Contact: Vickie Thomas 622-2581

Kodiak Island Villages Contact: Wayne Lukin, Port Lions 454-2234; Tracy Mitchell KIB 486-9348

Louden Village Council Contact: Carol Holly 656-1711

#### **2** Identify resources.

The Native Village of Chenega didn't build their hazardous waste shed from scratch - they simply renovated an existing shed with a better roof and flooring. Do you have local materials in that could be used for a hazardous waste storage/collection center? Even an empty Connex container works great! Look to businesses, barges, and the community for assistance and volunteering, as well as grant sources like IGAP. For the Chenega collection, the Clinic donated rubber gloves, the Chugachmiut and Chenega Corp. donated gifts and prizes, and the Chenega Tribal Council loaned their ATV and trailer. To hire the PSC Environmental HazMat technician and to pay the barge for backhauling wastes, Chenega used IGAP funds.

You can also search the SWAN funding page at: [www.ccthita-swan.org/funding/funding.cfm](http://www.ccthita-swan.org/funding/funding.cfm)



Chenega haz waste shed with collected materials

#### **3** Purchase supplies if they are needed, and arrange any logistics.

Refer to our following documents:

- ✓ **Safety gear** [www.ccthita-swan.org/main/safety\\_gear.cfm](http://www.ccthita-swan.org/main/safety_gear.cfm)
- ✓ **Community Cleanup** [www.ccthita-swan.org/main/spring\\_cleanup.cfm](http://www.ccthita-swan.org/main/spring_cleanup.cfm)
- ✓ **Storing hazardous wastes** [www.ccthita-swan.org/Tutorials/storing\\_hazwaste.cfm](http://www.ccthita-swan.org/Tutorials/storing_hazwaste.cfm)
- ✓ **Shipping hazardous wastes** [www.ccthita-swan.org/Tutorials/shipping\\_hazwaste.cfm](http://www.ccthita-swan.org/Tutorials/shipping_hazwaste.cfm)