



Meeting Summary

Umiat Formerly Used Defense Site

Restoration Advisory Board Spring Meeting
and Project Update

Nuiqsut, Alaska

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Meeting Summary

On May 8–29, 2020, HDR Alaska, Inc. (HDR), in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), hosted a Virtual Spring Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting.

To comply with COVID-19 social distancing standards, the Spring RAB meeting was comprised of an online open house, two live chat sessions, and a Telephone Town Hall.

The purpose of this event was to meet with the RAB, update the community on the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Umiat Project, and receive feedback from the community.

The meeting hosted 15 people on the Telephone Town Hall, 64 visitors to the Online Open House website, and 3 people in a live chat with Project team members. This meeting provided an opportunity for the attendees to talk with the project team, ask questions, and share their comments.

This event is part of the USACE Umiat FUDS community involvement project.

RAB Meeting

A RAB meeting for Umiat FUDS was held from May 8 to 29, 2020, as an Online Open House.

The purpose of this event was to meet with the RAB, update the community on the FUDS Umiat Project, and receive feedback from the community. The meeting topics included reviewing the purpose of a RAB and RAB member duties, RAB bylaws, and providing updates for the Umiat FUDS projects and the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP).

Online Open House

An Online Open House is an interactive program that allows website visitors to obtain meeting information and ask questions to Project team members during prescheduled live chat sessions. The Umiat RAB Online Open House was open from May 8 to 29, 2020.

Attendees

During the RAB meeting for Umiat FUDS 64 users visited the Online Open House website.

Online Open House Materials

The following materials were available on the website during the May 8 - 29, 2020 Online Open House:

- **RAB Rule Handbook** – a handbook describing the RAB and its responsibilities.
- **Membership Forms** – forms available for new individuals interested in joining the RAB.
- **Project FAQs** – a list of commonly asked questions about the project.
- **Project Fact Sheet** – an informational sheet about the Umiat FUDS.
- **RAB Bylaws** – bylaws to be presented and approved by the RAB.
- **Comment Forms** – forms on which attendees could submit comments.



- **November 2019 Meeting Minutes** – minutes to be approved by the RAB.
- **Proposed Plan** – Test Well #9 Drainage Proposed Plan for public and RAB review.
- **Umiat Landfill Decision Document** – the 2019 selected remedy for the Umiat Landfill for public and RAB review.
- **Umiat Landfill Proposed Plan** – 2018 Umiat Landfill Proposed Plan for public and RAB review.

Project Team Live Chat

The live chat sessions created the opportunity for Umiat RAB website visitors to have real-time conversations with the Project team. Two live chat sessions were hosted during the Umiat RAB Meeting. The first session was held on May 14, 2020 during the evening from 5:00pm to 7:00pm while the second session was on May 26, 2020 during the afternoon from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

Attendees

Three participants attended the live chat sessions to ask questions and comment to four Project team members. Project team leadership included:

- **Guy Warren**, USACE Program/Project Manager
- **Lisa Geist**, Technical Team Supervisor
- **Forest Kranda**, Project Archaeologist
- **Kendall Campbell**, Alaska District Tribal Liaison

Josie Wilson and Alice Rademacher, HDR, facilitated the meeting and coordinated meeting setup and take-down.

Comments

Thirteen comments were submitted during the two live chat sessions. The comment topics included the coordination with Bureau of Land Management and other agencies, future plans for the Umiat site, Drum Cache updates, and the availability of additional Project resources. Comments and questions were also recorded during the live chat and are available in the Submitted Comment Log (Attachment A).

Telephone Town Hall

Attendees

Fifteen people called into the Telephone Town Hall to comment and ask questions and comment to five Project team members. Attendees included local residents as well as individuals from Anchorage and Utqiagvik. Project team leadership included:

- **Guy Warren**, USACE Program/Project Manager
- **Lisa Geist**, Technical Team Supervisor
- **Gordon Osgood**, USACE Program Team Member
- **Craig Scola**, NALEMP Project Manager
- **Kendall Campbell**, Alaska District Tribal Liaison

Josie Wilson and Alice Rademacher, HDR, facilitated the meeting and coordinated meeting setup and take-down.



Comments

Ten comments were submitted during the Telephone Town Hall. The comment topics included impacts that COVID-19 may have on the Project's timeline, communication with members of the Umiat RAB, connection of the Umiat RAB to the city of Utqiagvik, questions regarding human health impacts from the Project area, and the future status of active oil and gas leases in the area. Comments and questions were also recorded during the Telephone Town Hall and are available in the Telephone Town Hall transcript (Attachment B).

Publicity

The sections below describe the various ways in which the event was advertised.

Newspaper Advertisement

A one-half-page advertisement for the event was placed in the *Arctic Sounder* weekly newspaper (Attachment C). The advertisement informed the public that the Umiat FUDS RAB was hosting a public meeting and included the dates and times of the meeting events; contact information; a link to the Online Open House website; and a brief description of the goals and purpose of the event. The advertisement ran in the May 14, 2020, edition.

Email Notifications

An email notification (Attachment D) was sent on May 8, 2020, to stakeholders identified on the contact list. The email contained the dates and times of the meeting and meeting events; contact information; a link to the Online Open House website; and a brief description of the goals and purpose of the event. The list of recipients contained 96 email addresses.

This email notification had a total of 362 opens. Total Opens, as defined by the email notification platform, are the number of times an email is opened by recipients. This count includes multiple opens from individual recipients. Attachment E includes detailed statistics for the initial email notification.

To remind the public about the meeting and meeting events, an additional email notification was sent on May 14, 2020 (Attachment F). This email contained the dates and times of the meeting and meeting events; contact information; a link to the Online Open House website; and a brief description of the goals and purpose of the event. The list of recipients contained 96 email addresses, and this email had a total of 35 opens. Attachment G includes detailed statistics for the reminder email notification.

Community Flyers

A flyer was designed to advertise the event in Nuiqsut (Attachment H). The flyer was emailed to the City of Nuiqsut at CityofNuiqsut1975@gmail.com and the Kuukpik Camp at kuukpikhotel@kuukpik.com for distribution around Nuiqsut and to interested community members. It was confirmed via phone that the flyers were posted in the community.

Mail Packets

Packets were mailed on May 6, 2020, to the seven RAB members who provided mailing addresses at the November 2019 meeting. Each packet contained a personalized cover



letter, the RAB Handbook, a project fact sheet, meeting flyers, RAB member forms, and printed slides from the presentation that was hosted on the Online Open House RAB meeting.

Postcards

Postcards were mailed to the 180 U.S. Post Office boxes in Nuiqsut on May 6, 2020 (Attachment I). The postcard provided the dates and times of the meeting and meeting events; contact information; and a link to the Online Open House website.



Attachment A

Submitted Comments

Comment Number	Date	Comment Type	Commenter	Contact Information	Organization	Comment	Response Date	Responded by	Response
1a	May 14, 2020	Live Chat - 5/19/2020	Don Gray	don.gray@uicalaska.com	Public	Is it just me thus far? Mostly just curious if this project has been funded yet? Any plans to go out to Umiat this season? Has an RFP gone out yet?	May 14, 2020	Josie Wilson & Lisa Geist	We have had several other interested public members from Anchorage. You are our first RAB member. Thank you! Hi Don, this is Lisa Geist, project technical supervisor. The project is currently funded for the design phase. The overall cleanup has not yet been funded. Our two engineers plan to go to Umiat for a day trip during the week of June 9 to conduct the annual Landfill Site Inspection. Our archaeologist also plans to be in Umiat for a site visit in late August for a couple days. We have not sent out any RFPs yet for contract support.
1b						Lisa Geist		The acquisition strategy has not been determined at this point in time. We'll keep everyone informed when more updates are available.	
1c						Lisa Geist		Thank you! Craig Scola has been coordinating with Melody Debenham at BLM. We are trying to conduct the trip with minimal number of staff and contact with others due to COVID-19 concerns.	
1d						Lisa Geist		We will consider all potential methods for contract procurement. Thank you! We will be looking for innovative approaches from our industry partners as this project move forward.	
1e						Lisa Geist		Thank you. We appreciate your perspective on coordinating throughout the region and bringing these other plans to our attention.	
2a	May 14, 2020	Live Chat - 5/19/2020	Travis	twoaks99@gmail.com	Public	My name is Travis. I'm an Alaskan, intersted in hunting and fishing access. Preserving military history is an intertest too. Did you know Alaska was invaded in WWII? Lots of cool history. What are some of the items found within the old drums at the Drum Cache. What are some of the reasons an old military site like this would require cleanup? The Military has done a great job protcting us over the years. Was'nt for them we'd be speaking German here in Alaska, or Russian. Will this project affect my subsistence abilities as an Alaskan?	May 14, 2020	Guy Warren	Hello Travis! My name is Guy Warren I am the Project manager for Umiat. In many cases waste disposal was not conducted in what we would consider an appropriate way today. We evaluate the risk to wildlife and subsistence resources and determine if cleanup is required. At Umiat we are working to remove the landfill from a side channel of the Colville River. The landfill is at risk of erosion by the river which would distribute the waste downstream potentially impacting subsistence resources.
2b						Forest Kranda		Hi Travis, my name is Forrest Kranda and I am the project archaeologist. I agree preserving military history is important , especially in Alaska which has very unique military history. As far as the Umiat landfill project goes I will be evaluating the landfill for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. Some items I have seen on the surface at the landfill are related to the Navy's oil exploration at Umiat.	
2c						Guy Warren		Most of the drums at Umiat were used to transport fuel and are found empty. We will utilize appropriate personal protective equipment but we do not anticipate using "space suits".	

2d						Better be careful. I went to Anchorage and they are wear'n masks, space suits, funny bandanas everywhere. Something to do about Coronas. I prefer Double Shovel Hard Ciders. Curious. Have any of the excavations or remediation efforts uncovered any Native Alaskan items of historical significance? sometimes they look just like a wallow in the tundra. Something like that would have been a great place to bury old drums. Them Old Timers took the easy route like that.			Forest Kranda	I am not aware of our excavations uncovering any Native Alaska artifacts, there are surface flake tool scatters around Umiat that we are aware of and planning to avoid during the landfill remediation.
2e						Sounds interesting. Any Musk Ox around there? I heard they are good eating, but never heard of any Musk Ox Tacos before... so who knows. Really appreciate you people taking the time to explain all this stuff. Very helpful.			Forest Kranda	Travis, thank you for participating!
3a	May 14, 2020	Live Chat - 5/19/2020	Chad Wilson	chadwilsoncar@aol.com	Public	Is the Collinson Point DEW cleanup still on track for a 2020 close out?	May 14, 2020	Josie Wilson & Lisa Geist	Hi Chad! Thanks for joining. This is Josie, project support person. We would love to answer your questions. We have several project team members here. Hi, this is Lisa, the project technical supervisor. Yes, that project is on track for closeout this year. The State of Alaska has concurred with our project closeout report.	
3b						Terrific! Is the Anuktuvuk River drum site still on track to get started in summer 2021 or will it see delays due to the current crisis? Thank you- Really appreciate you taking the time to answer our questions.		Lisa Geist	Hi Chad. I'm not sure the status of that one, let me get back to you. Here is an update. Workplans will be developed this Fall and the cleanup work would happen in 2022.	
4a	May 26, 2020	Live Chat - 5/26/2020	Don Gray	don.gray@uicalaska.com	Public	Will there be a summary of all the comments received posted online after May 29th?	May 26, 2020	Guy Warren	We will develop a summary of the meeting to include all comments received. We usually send this out as part of the meeting package for the next meeting. We could send this summary out via E-mail to the RAB membership once it is complete. Please let us know if you would like us to send you the summary once complete. Please confirm that "don.gray@uicalaska.com" is the e-mail address you would like us to use.	
4b						Yes please. Thank you.				
5	May 20, 2020	Telephone Town Hall	Erik Kenning		ASRC	I just wanted to see that with the general COVID situation has it impacted Project timing at all or are things on the timeline as anticipated?	May 20, 2020	Guy Warren	The COVID has not directly impacted our timeline. We still have a couple of years of internal contracting and coordination before we can get out in the field and start working. I don't anticipate that we will start working in the field until 2023. By then we sincerely hope we do not have any impacts associated with COVID-19.	
5b						I have a question on the current RAB members. Have they all been contacted lately with emails or phone calls?		Lisa Geist	Hi Erik, this is Lisa Geist again. To add to that we do hope to go out and do a bit more archeological surveying in August in addition to the landfill site inspection in June. This is part of the design process of gathering all of the information we need as well as work through the contract acquisition/planning phase we are in for the next couple of years since this is a large Project.	
6						I am an Utgiagvik Resident and I went to the last RAB meeting. After the fact, I left my email to be informed of the next happenings. I'll tell you, I saw an Ad in the Sounder and that is the only way I knew about this and it was on the very last page. I thought I had seen something about the meeting being cancelled because even prior to COVID. Can you elaborate on that? Was it already going to be cancelled because of not enough new information or something?		Guy Warren	We sent out emails to all of the RAB members. We also attempted to call them on the phone. It is a challenge sometimes when we have contact information from one meeting and then 6 months to a year later it is no longer valid. That is a struggle that we go through. Yes, we sent postcards. We sent out flyers, put out notices that were to be posted in the community, put advertisements in the arctic Sounder. We are definitely open to suggestions if there is a better way to get the information out there.	
6b						Okay, yeah I never saw anything. Did you also say that the mail out also went to Utgiagvik residents?				
6c								Lisa Geist	Alice, I don't know if you can tell how many people have called in. It is only when people introduce themselves that we know who is on the call.	

6d	May 20, 2020	Telephone Town Hall	Srah Thomas	skthomas2@alaska.edu	Public	Okay, I think that is problematic. This issue is very relatable to our community in Utgiagvik as well. Honestly, it is just like how the BLM meetings held in my community, it felt sneaky. I'm sorry that is just my perspective and I am being honest. Can you tell me how many people are on the call from our community?	May 20, 2020	Alice Rademacher	That is correct, I cannot see how many people have called.					
6e						Guy Warren		Sarah, can you go give us your contact information and we will go ahead and add you to the distribution list for the Nuiqsut RAB? Either an email or a phone number would be best please.						
6f						Guy Warren		Thank you, I got it that time. Sarah, would you like to join the Umiat RAB?						
6g						Guy Warren		Okay, we can either send you a membership form or it is available at the Umiat RAB website which is www.umiatab.com .						
6h						Kendall Campbell		Hi Sarah, this is Kendall Campbell. I am the Alaska District Tribal liaison. I want to thank you for your comment and I appreciate your candor on sharing your feelings about the meeting and how it is viewed. This is very helpful for us. We are doing this for the first time as well and trying to find our way. That kind of feedback is very much appreciated.						
6i						Lisa Geist		Well, I think the primary purpose of the RAB meeting is to share information. It is our opportunity, the Corps of Engineers, to give people the status updates and to hear feedback from the community of their concerns. It is truly a two way street in terms of sharing information and concerns. It is to help us inform our planning. For example, if there is a specific time of year that is sensitive for subsistence activities or if we should avoid activities at a certain time of year. That is the kind of information we appreciate when we give our Project updates. It is certainly our opportunity to learn from the community, to learn what their concerns are. Did that answer your question?						
6j						Lisa Geist		Yes, I think when folk have expressed health concern related issues we direct them to a different agency. We are here to investigate the contamination of the environment and clean it up but we are not a public health agency. We will refer people to talk to someone at the State of Alaska or the agency of toxic substance and disease registry is another Federal resource.						
6k						Lisa Geist		Yes, that is something I can follow up on and is a great idea. We will check to make sure that we have your email address correct and provide that information to you Sarah.						
7a						May 20, 2020		Telephone Town Hall	Melody Debenham	BLM	Thanks. I have one comment that I want to bring up. The BLM has active oil and gas leases in the areas that both the Test Well #9 and the Umiat monofill locations are in. We want to make sure that whatever remedies in place do not adversely impact the leaseholder's ability to do their work or exercise their mineral development rights.	May 20, 2020	Guy Warren	Yes, Melody this is Guy. Earlier this winter Gordy Osgood and myself met with an individual from Malamute Energy, I believe was the name of the company, and discussed the USACE plan for mitigation of the site and their plans for exploration. Based on our discussions I don't think the monofill locations are necessarily going to be in their way. They were actually thinking they may be able to utilize the roads we put in when we establish the monofill to help them decommission a well, plug and abandon, excuse me, one of the wells while we are out there. I think we will be able to continue coordinating with them to make sure we do not have overlapping issues.
7b											Thank you, I appreciate that. It is an easy enough thing for us to loose site of that in the big picture of the process. I wanted to make sure that we are continuing that coordination.			Yes, I believe he reached out to us. He was coming into town and we reviewed our plans and his plans. We should be able to work around each other pretty easily.
7c											Great, thank you. I have another question while I am unmuted. How has the response been going? Have you had any comment submitted through the website or did you have any participants in the chat sessions?			We had three participants in the chat we held last week and I am not aware of any comments being submitted through the website yet. I need to check with our public affairs folks on how those are going. I talked to them before the meeting and they knew to forward that stuff to me. I need to make sure they haven't gotten anything.
7d	Okay, thanks.													



Attachment B

Telephone Town Hall Transcript

Umiat Landfill Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) May 20, 2020, Telephone Town Hall

STAFF ATTENDING:

Guy Warren
Lisa Geist
Gordon Osgood
Craig Scola
Kendall Campbell
Josie Wilson
Alice Rademacher

Proceedings

Alice Rademacher:

Hello, thank you for joining us this evening. We will begin the Telephone Town Hall very soon with an introduction by the Project Manager, Guy Warren. After that, we will open the call to questions. Also, I do have a couple of housekeeping items. All participants will be muted during the call just to cut down on background noise. When you would like to ask a question, please dial *6 to unmute yourself. Also, this call is being recorded to ensure that your questions are accurately captured. Again, thank you for calling and we will begin shortly.

Guy Warren:

This is Guy Warren, the USACE Project Manager for the Umiat FUDS Project. I would like to welcome everyone and thank you for joining us for the Umiat FUDS RAB Spring Meeting and spring Project Update. First, I would like to tell everyone that unless you are speaking to stay muted. Also, as a reminder, this call is being recorded to capture your comments and questions clearly.

To comply with the COVID-19 social distancing standards, we decided to hold the spring RAB meeting as a virtual meeting. We set up the Online Open House to provide the presentation and all of the handouts in formats that we thought were easy to access. If you have any additional questions after this call, there are a number of ways you can contact us. Comments can be submitted through the Online Open House. Comments can also be submitted through the postal service on the comment form, which is available at the Online Open House, which is at www.umiatrab.com.

There will be one additional opportunity on Tuesday May 26th. That will be another live chat, which will be another opportunity to ask questions of the Project team. All meeting and comment submission details can be found on the website, which is again www.umiatrab.com. As you are asking questions, if you have any input regarding the format of the RAB meeting, we would really appreciate hearing any feedback that you

may have on whether this was a successful way to distribute information, as we may be considering something similar in the future.

At this point, I would like to give the rest of the Project team an opportunity to introduce themselves. We will start with Kendall Campbell.

Kendall Campbell:

Hi, good evening. My name is Kendall Campbell and I am the Alaska District Tribal Liaison. I am happy to be here and I do appreciate the opportunity to participate in this meeting. You can reach out to me anytime through Guy.

We recognize that your community is dealing with the COVID health crisis as all of the other communities are in Alaska. We appreciate you taking the time. We also know you are coping with other local challenges as well. I wanted to start the meeting with appreciation for your participation. Thank you for letting us provide you with information tonight. Guy, I will turn it back over to you. Thank you.

Guy Warren:

Thank you, Kendall. Now we will move on to Lisa Geist.

Lisa Geist:

Hi, this is Lisa Geist. I am the technical team supervisor. I have been involved with the Umiat Project for a number of years. I am glad to be here helping with the meeting tonight. Thank you, everyone.

Guy Warren:

Finally, we will turn it over to Craig Scola for his introduction.

Craig Scola:

Hello, this is Craig Scola. I am a Project Manager for all NALEMP [Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program] projects associated with Nuiqsut. In the future, if you have any questions directly about NALMEP, you can send those directly to me.

Guy Warren:

Just so everyone on the line knows, our intention was not to go through a lengthy presentation on this phone call. The meeting presentation and handouts are all available at www.umiatrab.com. We intended for this Telephone Town Hall to be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. I will turn it back over to Alice so that we can open the floor for questions.

Alice Rademacher:

Thank you, Guy. We will now start taking questions. Please remember to dial *6 to unmute yourself. Before you ask your question, please dial *6 to unmute yourself. Also, please state your name and preferred form of contact. For example, your email address or telephone number.

Will the first participant with a question please dial *6 and introduce themselves?

Josie Wilson:

Hi, this is Josie Wilson. I just wanted to thank the Project team for being willing to host this meeting and wanted to test my phone's *6 system. Thank you again for doing this.

Alice Rademacher:

Thank you for joining us, Josie.

Erik Kenning:

Hi. This is Erick Kenning with ASRC [Arctic Slope Regional Corporation].

Guy Warren:

Yes, go ahead, Erick.

Erik Kenning:

I just wanted to see that, with the general COVID situation, has it impacted Project timing at all, or are things on the timeline as anticipated?

Guy Warren:

The COVID has not directly impacted our timeline. We still have a couple of years of internal contracting and coordination before we can get out in the field and start working. I don't anticipate that we will start working in the field until 2023. By then, we sincerely hope we do not have any impacts associated with COVID-19.

Erik Kenning:

Okay, that's what I was figuring. Thank you.

Guy Warren:

Every summer we go out to the landfill to do a site inspection after the high water starts to subside. We are coordinating to go out in June. We are working with the air transport operator to ensure that we have a good COVID mitigation plan. We will leave Anchorage on a charter flight, stop in Fairbanks for fuel, go straight to Umiat, and then turn around and come back. There should be minimal contact associated with other people on that trip.

Erik Kenning:

That sounds like a good approach and is appreciated.

Lisa Geist:

Hi Erik, this is Lisa Geist again. To add to that, we do hope to go out and do a bit more archeological surveying in August in addition to the landfill site inspection in June. This is part of the design process of gathering all of the information we need, as well as working through the contract acquisition/planning phase we are in for the next couple of years, since this is a large project.

Erik Kenning:

Thank you for that.

Guy Warren:

If anyone else has a question, please feel free to unmute by pressing *6 and ask away.

Erik Kenning:

Hi, this is Erik Kenning again. I have a question on the current RAB members. Have they all been contacted lately with emails or phone calls?

Guy Warren:

Could you repeat that question, Erik? I didn't quite catch it, I'm sorry.

Erik Kenning:

Sure, there was a list of current RAB members and I was curious if they all been contacted by email or talked to on the phone lately.

Guy Warren:

We sent out emails to all of the RAB members. We also attempted to call them on the phone. It is a challenge sometimes when we have contact information from one meeting, and then 6 months to a year later it is no longer valid. That is a struggle that we go through.

Lisa Geist:

Guy, this is Lisa. Were there postcards sent out as well to notify them about this meeting?

Guy Warren:

Yes, we sent postcards. We sent out flyers, put out notices that were to be posted in the community, put advertisements in the *Arctic Sounder*. We are definitely open to suggestions if there is a better way to get the information out there.

Erik, if you don't mind me asking you a question. What did you think about the Online Open House format?

Erik Kenning:

So, I have gone through a few of these with BLM [Bureau of Land Management] and the Willow Project. What seems to happen is that it adds another layer of challenge for the people in the community, generally speaking, sort of adapting to a new system. Also, if they got materials in the mail, that's wonderful, but it's tricky with the online access documents and those sorts of things. I don't know of any answers under this situation. Personal meetings are always the best, but it is a little challenging.

Guy Warren:

Thank you.

Sarah Thomas:

Hi, I have a question. This is Sarah Thomas.

Guy Warren:

Yes, Sarah, go ahead.

Sarah Thomas:

I am an Utqiagvik resident and I went to the last RAB meeting. After the fact, I left my email to be informed of the next happenings. I'll tell you, I saw an ad in the *Sounder*, and that is the only way I knew about this, and it was on the very last page. I thought I had seen something about the meeting being cancelled even prior to COVID. Can you elaborate on that? Was it already going to be cancelled because of not enough new information or something?

Guy Warren:

Sarah, I believe the Barrow RAB meeting was cancelled by the Air Force this spring. We, the Corps, moved forward with the Nuiqsut RAB because that is the RAB that is closest to our Project site. I believe I talked to you at the Barrow RAB. It is probably my fault that I didn't get your information added to the Nuiqsut RAB list, so I apologize for that.

Sarah Thomas:

Okay, yeah, I never saw anything. Did you also say that the mailout also went to Utqiagvik residents?

Guy Warren:

No, it did not go to Barrow. It just went to Nuiqsut.

Sarah Thomas:

Okay, I think that is problematic. This issue is very relatable to our community in Utqiagvik as well. Honestly, it is just like how the BLM meetings were held in my community, it felt sneaky. I'm sorry, that is just my perspective, and I am being honest. Can you tell me how many people are on the call from our community?

Lisa Geist:

Alice, I don't know if you can tell how many people have called in. It is only when people introduce themselves that we know who is on the call.

Alice Rademacher:

That is correct, I cannot see how many people have called.

Guy Warren:

Sarah, can you go give us your contact information and we will go ahead and add you to the distribution list for the Nuiqsut RAB? Either an email or a phone number would be best please.

Sarah Thomas:

Yes, my email is skthomas2@alaska.edu.

Guy Warren:

Can you say that one more time to make sure we have that right?

Sarah Thomas:

Yes, skthomas2@alaska.edu.

Guy Warren:

Thank you, I got it that time. Sarah, would you like to join the Umiat RAB?

Sarah Thomas:

Yes, I am interested in that. I suppose I would.

Guy Warren:

Okay, we can either send you a membership form or it is available at the Umiat RAB website, which is www.umiatrab.com.

Sarah Thomas:

Okay, thank you.

Kendall Campbell:

Hi Sarah, this is Kendall Campbell. I am the Alaska District Tribal liaison. I want to thank you for your comment, and I appreciate your candor on sharing your feelings about the meeting and how it is viewed. This is very helpful for us. We are doing this for the first time as well and trying to find our way. That kind of feedback is very much appreciated.

Sarah Thomas:

Thank you. I started following this issue when an elder asked me to. She as very concerned with how her family has been very impacted from back when her Dad worked at Umiat. She actually passed away in December, so that is pretty difficult to deal with. [Unidentifiable noise] Sorry, my kids are here and they are being really loud.

Kendall Campbell:

It's alright. Thank you for sharing that and we are sorry for your loss; that is heartbreaking. We are glad you are here today. Again, we appreciate your participation. We like the sound of kids, I have a 4-year-old, but she is taking a long nap right now.

Sarah Thomas:

I'll ask another question since no one else is asking anything. In the RAB, what type of function is available for people who have been affected by these contaminations?

Lisa Geist:

Well, I think the primary purpose of the RAB meeting is to share information. It is our opportunity, the Corps of Engineers, to give people the status updates and to hear feedback from the community of their concerns. It is truly a two-way street in terms of sharing information and concerns. It is to help us inform our planning. For example, if there is a specific time of year that is sensitive for subsistence activities, or if we should avoid activities at a certain time of year. That is the kind of information we appreciate when we give our Project updates. It is certainly our opportunity to learn from the community, to learn what their concerns are. Did that answer your question?

Sarah Thomas:

I suppose so, I am just wondering how do... Maybe this is not the appropriate channel to ask what I am asking about.

Lisa Geist:

Yes, I think when folk have expressed health-concern-related issues, we direct them to a different agency. We are here to investigate the contamination of the environment and clean it up, but we are not a public health agency. We will refer people to talk to someone at the State of Alaska, or the agency of toxic substance and disease registry is another federal resource.

Kendall Campbell:

Is that information something you could share via email?

Lisa Geist:

Yes, that is something I can follow up on and is a great idea. We will check to make sure that we have your email address correct and provide that information to you, Sarah.

Sarah Thomas:

Thanks.

Guy Warren:

Sarah, this is Guy. I just sent you an email with the membership form in there. If you don't receive it, then I probably have your email wrong.

Alice Rademacher:

If there are any additional participants that would like to ask a question, please dial *6 to make yourself known. Thank you.

Melody Debenham:

Hi, this is Melody Debenham with the Bureau of Land Management.

Guy Warren:

Yes, Melody, welcome to the meeting.

Melody Debenham:

Thanks. I have one comment that I want to bring up. The BLM has active oil and gas leases in the areas that both the Test Well Mine and the Umiat monofill locations are in. We want to make sure that whatever remedies are in place do not adversely impact the leaseholder's ability to do their work or exercise their mineral development rights.

Guy Warren:

Yes, Melody, this is Guy. Earlier this winter, Gordy Osgood and myself met with an individual from Malamute Energy—I believe was the name of the company—and discussed

the USACE plan for mitigation of the site and their plans for exploration. Based on our discussions, I don't think the monofill locations are necessarily going to be in their way. They were actually thinking they may be able to utilize the roads we put in when we establish the monofill to help them decommission a well, plug and abandon—excuse me, one of the wells—while we are out there. I think we will be able to continue coordinating with them to make sure we do not have overlapping issues.

Melody Debenham:

Thank you, I appreciate that. It is an easy enough thing for us to lose site of that in the big picture of the process. I wanted to make sure that we are continuing that coordination.

Guy Warren:

Yes, I believe he reached out to us. He was coming into town and we reviewed our plans and his plans. We should be able to work around each other pretty easily.

Melody Debenham:

Great, thank you. I have another question while I am unmuted. How has the response been going? Have you had any comments submitted through the website or did you have any participants in the chat sessions?

Guy Warren:

We had three participants in the chat we held last week, and I am not aware of any comments being submitted through the website yet. I need to check with our public affairs folks on how those are going. I talked to them before the meeting and they knew to forward that stuff to me. I need to make sure they haven't gotten anything.

Melody Debenham:

Okay, thanks.

Alice Rademacher:

As a reminder, this call is being recorded to make sure we accurately record your comments and questions. If there is anyone else who would like to ask a question, please dial *6 to make yourself known. Thank you.

Guy Warren:

Just a reminder, if anyone has a questions, remember to unmute with *6 and go ahead and ask.

Melody, since we've got you on the phone. I was just curious, is BLM planning to be out at Umiat later this summer?

Remember to hit *6 to unmute.

Melody Debenham:

Hi, this is Melody. Can you hear me now?

Guy Warren:

Yes, we can hear you know.

Melody Debenham:

Oaky, I have mute buttons and *6s, and lots of things going on here. Yes, the BLM right now is tentatively planning to do field work out of Umiat. We have pushed our field work start date back. We are not planning to be out at Umiat until the end of June. We have not cancelled all of our field work, but we are having an abbreviated field work season.

Guy Warren:

What would be the end of it, early or mid-August?

Melody Debenham:

I will check and get back to you. It would probably be late August, possibly the first week of September.

Guy Warren:

Okay. You may have staff when we go up in August for the archeological work.

Melody Debenham:

Yes, I made myself a note to talk to you about when you are planning to go up there and how long your work was planning to be. If it was going to be an overnight or a day up and back. Just because we are trying to manage how many people are in the camp at once.

Guy Warren:

I'm assuming it would be two people on an overnight trip. We haven't picked a date yet. I can contact you offline and we can start coordinating that.

Melody Debenham:

Excellent.

Alice Rademacher:

As a reminder, we do intend to stay on the line until 6:00pm just in case we get some late participants.

Also, Erik, did you get the mailed package for this meeting?

Erik Kenning:

Yeah, I did receive it and I have it here in front of me.

Alice Rademacher:

Awesome. Sarah, if you would like a package mailed to you, I would be happy to do that as well.

As a reminder, everyone is muted on this call. Please press *6 to unmute yourself. If anyone else would like to be mailed an info packet or added to the email list, please press *6 and I will make sure you are added. Thank you.

Melody, I do have a question for you. I am curious if you received any of the email notifications or E-Blasts about this meeting.

Melody Debenham:

Hi. Yes, I did get the email notifications. I did get multiple notifications in my email, which worked very well.

Alice Rademacher:

Awesome, thank you for your feedback. If anyone has additional outreach methods that we should be using, please let us know. We are open to all suggestions.

Josie Wilson:

Hi, this is Josie again. I am just curious if there are any updates on any of the Projects in the area, both NALEMP and Umiat, since the meeting in November.

Guy Warren:

This is Guy, and I can cover the Umiat Projects. We have been working on a feasibility study for the Test Well #7. That document should be ready to go to the state, as a draft, this month. We have also been working on the decision document for Test Well #9 drainage. I think you guys will remember since we did the public meeting last November. We are starting to get the DD draft in motion to keep that process moving forward. Craig, are there any NALEMP updates you would like to provide?

Craig Scola:

Hi, this is Craig; can you hear me?

Guy Warren:

Yes, we can.

Craig Scola:

Since November, the only thing in regards to NALMEP is currently we are drafting the fiscal year 2020 cooperative agreement, which hopefully will be awarded next month. It is a 2-year cooperative agreement, which would help address some of the cleanup in and around Nuiqsut. Most specifically, the Anaktuvuk drum cache, which is located, I want to guess about 50 miles south of Nuiqsut near the Anaktuvuk River just before it merges with the Colville River. There is a site that is considered eligible under the NALMEP program that we are scoping to start cleaning up. The actual cleanup would happen in FY 21. Not this summer, but the following summer. Otherwise, there are still a number of sites out there that are in the process of being screened for eligibility. They include Fish Creek, a Native allotment near Oliktok point, Gubik oil field landfill. These are sites that Erik Kenning and I, with residents of Nuiqsut, took an initial look at in June or July of last year. As far as physical activities, there is nothing going on in or around Nuiqsut as far as NALMEP goes currently. Hopefully, that will change next year. That's all I've got.

Guy Warren:

Thank you, Craig.

Alice Rademacher:

We do have about ten minutes left. If you have not had a chance to speak, or would like to ask a question, please dial *6 and let us know. Thank you.

Sarah, if you are still on the line, please press *6 to let us know what you recommend for other outreach methods that would be awesome.

Josie Wilson

Guy, this is Josie Wilson again. I read on the Online Open House that some of the RAB members have contributed good feedback. What are some of the changes in the Project due to the RAB member feedback?

Guy Warren:

That's a great question; thanks, Josie. As presented on the slide, we received a lot of good community feedback on the proposed plan for the landfill. There were several changes made based on that. Primarily, we are not planning on putting treated soil back into the excavation. One of our other team members joined us late. Gordy Osgood, are there other things that were changed because of community comments? Remember, *6 to unmute.

Gordon Osgood:

Okay, Guy, this is Gordy. Can you hear me now?

Guy Warren:

Yes, I can hear you, Gordy. Thank you.

Gordon Osgood:

Wonderful, I'm sorry. I'm thinking through the comments. One of the key things was related to the location of the monofill. These are the proposed plan comments that I am thinking of.

Guy Warren:

Yes. You are right; it would be on the proposed plan comments.

Gordon Osgood:

The comment from Malamute Energy led to a meeting with Malamute Energy. I had been guessing that they may have problems with the westernmost proposed location for the monofill, but in fact, that's a preferable location. On the figures in the Decision Document, there are multiple possible locations. We are now honing in on the westernmost location using the same route that was used by Link Energy to establish the Test Well.

Guy Warren:

Thank you, Gordy.

Gordon Osgood:

If something else comes to mind, I will chime in.

Guy Warren:

I think one of the other changes that came out of the proposed plan public comments was that only inert debris will be placed in the monofill.

Gordon Osgood:

Yes, that is a big one, too.

Guy Warren:

We are coming to the end of our Telephone Town Hall. I guess there is an opportunity for one more question if anyone has got one out there.

Josie Wilson:

Hi, this is Josie. I was curious about the field work this summer both for Umiat and the NALEMP Projects. I am curious about what is planned, to get a sense of timing.

Guy Warren:

Well, as we mentioned earlier, the only field work we have planned at Umiat is the landfill survey in June and the archeological evaluation of the monofill location in August. Otherwise, we do not have field work planned for Umiat this summer. Craig, would you like to answer the NALEMP part of that question?

Craig Scola

There's no field work scheduled for NALEMP in regards to Nuiqsut this summer. We are just working on the cooperative agreement right now. This fall/spring and next summer we would start doing field work.

Josie Wilson

Thanks, I really appreciate it.

Guy Warren:

Final chance for questions from the audience.

Josie Wilson:

I have another question. I am full of questions tonight. Do you think that the next RAB meeting will happen virtually in November? What are your thoughts on the next RAB meeting?

Guy Warren:

We would like to make it up to Nuiqsut for the next RAB meeting, but that will depend on where we are in relation to COVID. If we can come to Nuiqsut in November, we will. If we are unable to, we will have to explore either providing information through a virtual online open house or we can evaluate other suggestions for disseminating the information.

With that, I would like to thank everyone for joining us during the Telephone Town Hall. We are approaching the end of our time and we will now conclude the call. We will have another online chat session next week on Tuesday, May 26, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. If anyone on the phone knows of other community members who have questions, you can let them know that opportunity is there. We also accept comment forms through the mail, or you can go right on to the online open house, www.umiatrab.com, and enter your comments into the comment section there. With that, I thank everyone for their participation and wish everyone a nice evening.



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be their migration route since it's a big pod," said Mitchell. "That big open water south of Point Hope is the migration route. Kivalina is straight to the right of that big open water and it's about 100 miles out. There is no way we can get to it."

There was open water near Point Hope's airport, which is how the Kivalina crew accessed the beluga pod.

As the Sounder previously reported, Kivalina had a successful hunt in their own village in the summer of 2018.

"Nowadays we are lucky to divide one, occasionally," local resident Fran Douglas told the Sounder at the time.

It was the first successful harvest of several animals for the village in many years. It was not a large harvest by

historical standards, but was extremely welcome at a time when it was possible not to catch any in a given year.

"Beluga has been around forever, I think, because they've got some archaeological evidence that goes back thousands of years here in Kotzebue Sound over at Cape Krusenstern," said Willie Goodwin, chair of the Alaska Beluga Whale Committee, speaking to the Sounder in 2017. "It's been a wild source of food for our people every spring. I grew up hunting them, me and my brothers did, anyway, so it's been an important activity both culturally and for our food."

With meat and maktaaq put away for the next several months and families in the village able to enjoy the traditional food as the seasons start to change, residents, like Mitchell, say they're grateful



Photo by Janet Mitchell

Kivalina's 77 Swan Crew stands out on the ice before getting to work parsing out the beluga they caught in Point Hope.

the two communities are able to work together to feed their people.

"To this day, it is still not open (water near Kivalina) but we are still blessed," she said. "Thank you so much, Tikigaqmiut, for sharing your bounty with Kivalina. May God continue to bless everyone over there."

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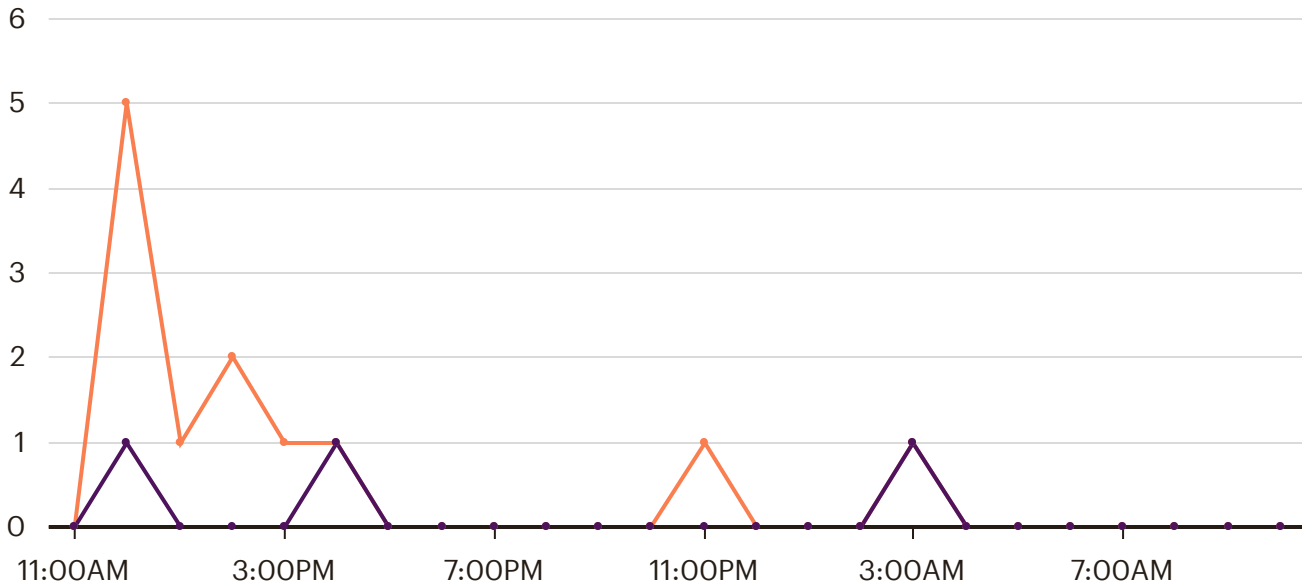
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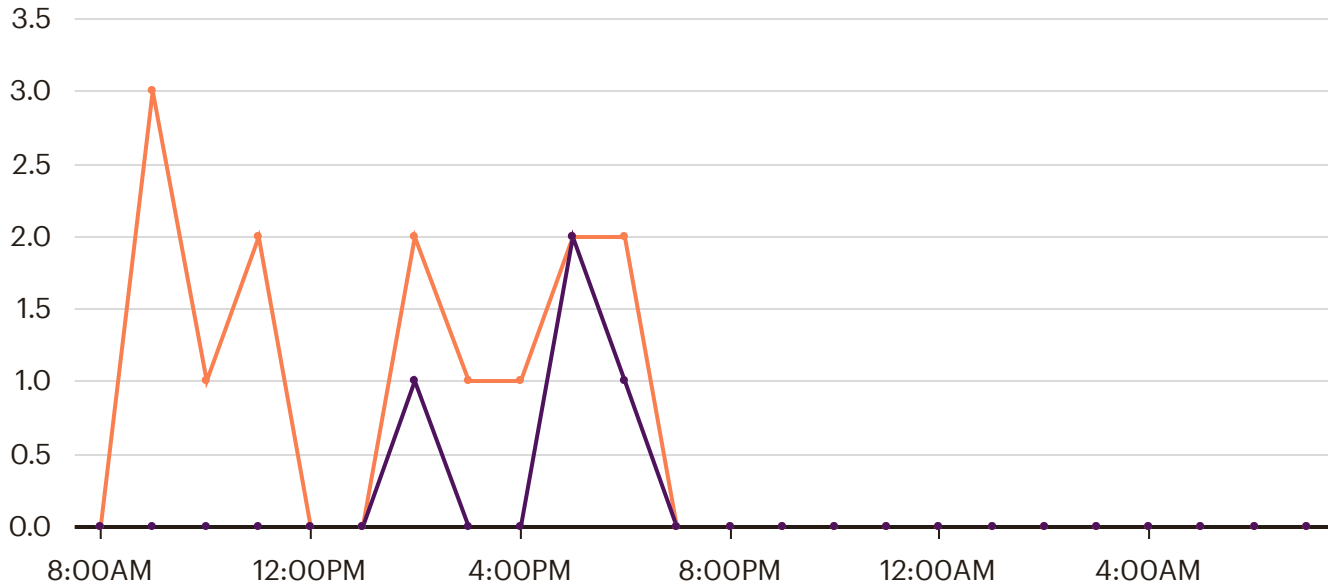
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