Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium:
Technical Assistance For Rural Alaska Tribal Energy Solutions

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ANTHC – What We Do

HEALTHY PEOPLE & PREVENTION
- Wellness
- Traditional Foods and Nutrition
- Behavioral Health

HEALTH RESEARCH AND DATA
- Epidemiology Center
- Clinical & Research Services

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
- Biomedical Engineering
- Telehealth

HEALTHY HOMES AND COMMUNITIES
- Community Environment & Health
- Clean Water & Sanitation
- Rural Energy
- Tribal Utility Support
- Construction & Engineering

HEALTH TRAINING AND EDUCATION
- Alaska Dental Therapy Ed. Prog.
- Behavioral Health Aide
- Community Health Aide
- Scholarships

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES
- Patient Housing
- Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC)
- Institutional Environmental Health
- Palliative Care

HEALTH ADVOCACY
- Affordable Care Act
- Tribally-Sponsored Health Insurance Program
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High Cost of Energy/Sanitation

Annual Energy Cost To Operate Various Water Systems

Circ/Vac

Circ/grav

Washeteria

Conventional

Average Comm Fuel Cost
Average Comm Share of Elect Cost
Average PCE Share of Elect Cost
Systems require a lot of added heat.

- Fresh Water Intake
- Circulating Water
- Vacuum Plant, Wastewater to Lagoon
- From main to home service connection
- Water Storage
- Space Heating in Water/Sewer Facilities
To implement energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions to make public sanitation affordable for the people we serve across Alaska.
Current and Identified Energy Projects

Active Projects = Blue
Identified Projects = Orange

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Our Path to Rural Sanitation Energy Savings

Audit
Onsite Assessment
Collect Data
Evaluate Operating Practices
Assess Facility Energy Use

Analysis
Develop Energy Model
Identify Potential Improvements
Identify Cost to Implement

Implement Recommendations
Develop Training Plan
Purchase Materials
Implement Changes
Provide Operator Training
Construct Renewable Energy Systems

Savings
Monitor Energy Usage
Evaluate Effectiveness

Opportunities to reduce rural sanitation energy costs

Behavior changes
Proper Operations & Maintenance
Education
Ongoing Monitoring
ANTHC Rural Utility support
Efficiency retrofits
New and ongoing projects

Hardware changes
Renewable energy systems
DOE Intertribal TA Providers Network: ANTHC Statewide Energy TA for Rural Tribal Communities

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DOE Intertribal TA Providers Network:
ANTHC Statewide Intertribal Energy TA - Summary

• Provide TA coverage for all regions of Alaska

• Partner with other Intertribal TA recipients and non-recipient regions to coordinate and prioritize projects

• Primary goal is to develop reliable engineering documents and appropriate financial assessments to give Tribes the tools they need to develop energy projects

• ANTHC’s TA is focused on improving energy performance of public infrastructure, including sanitation systems, while extending our expertise to other public community buildings
DOE Intertribal TA Providers Network: ANTHC’s 3-Year Intertribal TA - Deliverables

• 15 Level Three Energy Audits

• 15 Material Take-Offs and Training Plans

• 15 Feasibility Studies for Energy Capital Projects

• 15 Engineering Reviews of Tribal Energy Project Designs / Proposals

• 15 Instances of Assistance with Project Financing Identification
DOE Intertribal TA Providers Network:
TA Requests can be made online:  anthc.org/what-we-do/rural-energy
Audits

1. Seldovia, AK – Multi-purpose tribal building
2. Seldovia, AK – Clinic
3. Yakutat – Water Treatment Plant
4. Tyonek – Water Treatment Plant
5. Akiachak – Multi-Community Bldg Audits
Material Take-Off / Training Plans

1. Yakutat WTP Energy Efficiency Upgrades
2. Tyonek WTP Energy Efficiency Upgrades
3. Arctic Village Solar Upgrade/Rehab – In Progress
Feasibility Studies

1. Unalakleet – Power System Optimization, wind-to-heat control optimization
2. Scammon Bay Heat Recovery
3. Togiak Heat Recovery
Design Reviews

3. Togiak Heat Recovery - upcoming
4. Grayling Heat Recovery - upcoming
5. Huslia Biomass - upcoming
Assisting in Finance Identification

• St. Mary’s Heat Recovery - loan financing
Regional Energy Coordination Meetings

• Barrow (North Slope Borough)
• Fairbanks (Tanana Chiefs Conference)
• Gulkana (Ahtna Region)
• Chugachmiut (Southcentral Alaska – 7 communities)
• SWAMC (Southwest Alaska: Aleutian/Pribilofs, Bristol Bay, and Kodiak)
• Bethel (Yukon-Kuskokwim Region)
DOE Intertribal TA Providers Network:
ANTHC Intertribal Energy TA - Program Outcomes

• Successfully acquire implementation funding for 50% of Projects identified by TA

• Expand the network of energy TA resources across rural Alaska and increase collaboration towards Tribal community energy goals

• Provide Tribal communities the project and financing acquisition knowledge to develop more energy projects in the future
DOE Intertribal TA Providers Network: Evaluating Effectiveness of TA Provided

- Track and analyze results of completed TA – Audits and Feasibility Studies
- Publish metrics of energy improvement potential identified though Intertribal TA program
- Document projects successfully funded and implemented after TA
- Submit a proposal (in year 3) to the ANTHC Board to maintain energy TA funding following the DOE grant
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Energy Efficiency & Alternative Energy Solutions
In 2016, ANTHC completed energy efficiency work on the Washeteria and Water Treatment Plant in Kwigillingok

- Heating fuel use reduced by 21%
- Overall Energy Use reduced by 50%
- Annual Energy Savings = $40,000

Added Benefits:
- Reduced mold risk
- More time efficient and effective clothes drying
- Increased operators’ technical capacity and job skills
- Increased safety by reduction in fire risk and improved lighting

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Sanitation Energy Efficiency Training
Case Study: Quinhagak Heat Recovery

In collaboration with the Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC), and ANTHC’s Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative program, in December 2015, the heat recovery system was brought online in Quinhagak, Alaska. This system captures waste heat from the existing AVEC power plant and uses it to heat the community’s washeteria and combined utility building. Recovered heat, measured and metered in BTUs, is sold by the power utility to the community at 30 percent of the cost of fuel oil.

With the system now fully operational, it is expected that the community will reduce their annual heating fuel usage by 14,200 gallons, for a fuel savings of almost $64,000 per year. Net savings after recovered heat sales cost is expected to be $45,000 per year.
1. AVEC Radiator manifold and heat recovery pipelines
2. Prepping Aquatherm pipe for socket fusion.
3. Washeteria heat recovery branchline piping
Case Study: Hughes Biomass

In 2013, Hughes received funding through the State’s Alaska Energy Authority to design and construct a biomass boiler to heat the community’s water system and City/Tribal office. Thanks to the combined efforts of ANTHC’s Rural Energy Initiative team, the Interior Regional Housing Authority, and the City of Hughes, the biomass project was completed in summer 2015. It is anticipated that the Hughes biomass project will help the community reduce its annual energy consumption by $38,923.

Of the overall $38,923 annual savings, $16,322 goes to local wood cutters for supplying cordwood and $22,601 will be the direct savings to the operation of the Hughes Water Plant and Tribal Building.
Multi-community water treatment plant solar photovoltaic system installation in Allakaket, Beaver, Holy Cross, New Stuyahok, Newhalen, Pitkas Point, Russian Mission, and Sleetmute

- The scope of this project is to provide solar photovoltaic systems to produce electricity for water treatment plants in these eight rural communities. In these communities, the average homeowner spends roughly 19 percent of their annual income to meet household energy needs. The solar photovoltaic systems will be comprised of 22 to 44 solar panels, each sized to meet the needs of the community’s water plant. This project aims to reduce electricity costs for these high energy cost rural communities by an estimated $61,808 annually.
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Alternative Energy:
Ground Source Heat Pump – Metlakatla, Alaska

- Provides heating for the Lepquinum Pool & Wellness Center
- Estimated to displace 47,200 gal of heating fuel & save $203,000 annually
- 70 x 6” boreholes at 350’ deep
- 1” HDPE geothermal loop, w/ 1,194 MBH Heat Pump
- Building heating system upgrades include:
  - Thermal storage tank
  - Convert heating system from 180 deg to 115 deg
  - New heating coils in air handling units
Remote Monitoring

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Charts and Reports


Current Values: Office DEMO

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Additional Building Documentation for Office DEMO:

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Charts and Reports


White Mountain Dashboard

Circulation Loop Supply Temperature

Circulation Loop Return Temperature

Loop supply to City Shop

Loop Return from City Shop
Thank You

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For more information, please visit:
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