

**Project Objective:** The Native Village of Holy Cross received a CEDP grant to help improve their solid waste management system, reduce air pollution by eliminating uncontrolled, open burning in the dump, and to educate residents about the importance of proper waste disposal practices.

**Results:** The community is currently operating two Tok Burn Units. Residents have been educated about proper waste disposal and separation practices. A waste burning guide and an education brochure about waste separation and disposal was developed. The communities solid waste management practices have improved. The waste burning guide and brochure are online.

**Benefits:**

- The community was educated about safe burning practices. Current and future landfill operators will all follow the same operational, health, and safety guidelines established in the waste burning guide.
- There has been a reduction solid waste in the community which minimizes wind blown trash and animal interactions.
- The lifespan of the landfill will increase.
- The upgrade on the existing unit created cleaner burns, resulting in reduced health risk for residents and landfill operator.
- Job development - By obtaining the 2nd burn unit, a new landfill technician was hired for maintenance and upkeep.

**Lessons Learned:**

- More community involvement is needed. Educating residents about waste separation will need to be on-going effort.
- There are not always resources available to hire people. Volunteers are important and without them, your project might not be as successful.

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