



CHULOONAWICK NATIVE VILLAGE

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Hello Jason,

Since I haven't heard from you or any of your staff about our phone call on December 20, 2022, we as a Tribal Government have decided to bring our issue to the rest of the state of Alaska and see where they sit with Village Safe Water projects. It turns out there are a lot more communities that are in the same situation our community.

VSW is a broken system that needs repair. The only ones suffering from this broken system is us Rural Alaskan Communities with no voice because we are not unified. That is ending soon though! We are in the process of banding every City and Tribal Government who falls short in your best practice score system.

The City Governments cannot raise their best practice scores until the projects are completed while you sit in your office telling them no and spending the project funds doing no work in the village. Does RUBA need to step in all the communities to act on behalf of the City Governments that are a few points short? Can we as Tribal Governments take on this responsibility for the communities that need higher best practice scores?

ANTHC does not use the best practice score. It is not a written into law. Why is it such a big factor in your company to do these projects and not theirs? We called to confirm that they don't use best practice scores.

Just last month 2 households that need water and sewer hook-ups have suffered from Covid-19 and had no help getting buckets of Water to sanitize themselves and their house. Last month we had 29 covid-19 cases in Emmonak. 5 of the homes that needed hook-ups have gotten covid-19 multiple times. Since Covid-19 hit Alaska it should have been your top priority to make sure all the communities get the help they need with Water and Sewer instead of committing to continue to spend on their projects.

We think it is time that State of Alaska should have someone audit all your project monies that you have been spending money on with no activity.

Stay tuned! We plan on bringing all the villages together and become loud! Look forward to reading articles in all the news papers and seeing us in the News! Emmonak- at least 5 years no project activity, Alakanuk- at least 4 years no project activity, Marshall- at least 5 years no project activity. I haven't gotten word on Kongiganak, Tuntutuliak and some other villages as we have just begun reaching out to all the communities that you serve!

May the odds be ever in our favor!

Roberta Murphy
Tribal Administrator