

## **Kwethluk Activity Report**

### **General Information:**

Johnny Evan, RUBA Staff from Bethel, with Nina Miller, staff of Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB), traveled to the community in August 1999 to assist the City to redesign the ANHB Grant. The grant was redesigned to hire a Utility Manager, purchase a vacuum system for the Container Haul System, and purchase more equipment for the Washeteria.

The Tribal organization received the first phase funding of the Sanitation Facility Improvement Plan for a new Piped Sewer System, but still have not heard anything from EPA for the construction.

The two local governments met in August 1999 to discuss the merger issue with Jim Sanders and Johnny Evan of the Department of Community & Economic Development, and Nina Miller of ANHB present at the meeting. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been drafted by the IRA Council and sent to the City. The City will edit the document and send it back to the IRA Council. The MOA establishes a sharing of resources and responsibilities between the tribe and city.

### **Observations and Recommendations:**

Finances – RUBA staff have no information on the financial health of the City.

Accounting Systems – It is unknown what type of system the City is using or how well it is being used.

Tax Problems – RUBA staff still has not received tax documents for fiscal years 1997 and 1998.

Personnel System – The City Manager has resigned with an effective date of October 15, 1999, but plans to work till the end of October.

Organizational Management –The Utility Commission has yet to interview candidates for the Utility Manager.

Leadership/Governance –The Council received the MOA from the IRA Council and is currently making some changes before sending it back to the Tribal government.

Operation of Utility – The Utility Commission has yet to hire a Utility Manager to carry out the tasks under the newly redesigned ANHB Grant. The Utility staff has the need to undergo the Utility Management Training.

**Ranking**      1 = Inadequate  
                     4 = Adequate to meet minimum requirements  
                     7 = Exceeds requirements

<b>Category</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
Finances		<b>X</b>	
Accounting Systems		<b>X</b>	
Tax Problems		<b>X</b>	
Personnel System		<b>X</b>	
Organizational Management		<b>X</b>	
Leadership/Governance			<b>X</b>
Operation of Utility		<b>X</b>	