

Bill Tyson speaks to participants at a recent cross-cultural seminar sponsored by the Association for Stranded Rural Alaskans in Anchorage at the Clarion Hotel. The all-day session is presented totally by Alaska Natives to assist professionals who deal with Alaska Native people. The workshop is the result of seven years of research by Mary Wolcott, executive director of ASRAA, who collected the information from clients and non-Native human service providers.



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Quayle: Exxon must do more in spill cleanup

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After touring Prince William Sound for six hours Thursday, Vice President Dan Quayle arrived at Elmendorf Air Force Base after midnight to meet with mayors of the communities affected by the oil spill.

In a press conference after the meeting, Quayle said Exxon may have to do more work than what the company has projected.

"I would say that Exxon believes that it's adequate, but I believe that Exxon's going to have to do more than they think they're going to have to do," Quayle said of the cleanup effort.

Quayle said that President Bush is committed to getting the cleanup job done, and he added that the president would use his position to make sure that Exxon did not become lax in its work.

The vice president said that during his six-hour tour of Prince William Sound, he talked with people in Cordova and watched cleanup efforts on Smith Island. He said he talked with one worker who was concerned about irritation that had occurred on her face and around her eyes. He said he talked to Exxon officials about her condition and told them to find the cause of the irritation.

Quayle said that while the disaster of the oil spill in Prince William Sound is of tremendous magnitude, people are working together to clean up the oil and that there is a spirit of cooperation to get the job done. He said he was impressed by the number of ships and people working on the spill.

Quayle said that Bush is still an environmentally minded president and that he is briefed daily about the oil spill.

Quayle said that the spill has delayed the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for exploration and that the president is looking closely at oil contingency plans to keep spills like the one from the *Exxon Valdez* from happening in the future.