Borbridge named as EPA's tribal coordinator in Anchorage

EPA will be stepping up its efforts to improve the health of people living in Alaska Native villages now that Sandra Borbridge had begun work as the agency's first Alaska Tribal Coordinator at EPA's offices in Anchorage.

Borbridge, with more than a decade of work experience in Juneau with the Alaska Legislature and the governor's office, was selected for the newly-created job by Al Ewing, EPA's assistant regional administrator for Alaska.

"Sandra Borbridge brings to EPA a proven track record of helping to deliver needed services to the people of rural Alaska," Ewing said. "With problems of rural sanitation and safe drinking water of No. 1 concern to EPA in Alaska, Sandra is just the type of person we are looking for."

In her new job, Borbridge will

help Alaska Native villages develop their own environmental management capacity, and will coordinate EPA's activities with the work of other federal and state agencies in the villages.

Borbridge, a Juneau area Native with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Alaska, spent four years as senior planner and manager with the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska before beginning work with state government in 1982. She worked as a special staff assistant for Governor Bill Sheffield cently with Georgianna Lincoln, from 1982 to 1986, and subsequently held a series of positions compasses about half of rural with state legislators, most re-Alaska.