

Good Earth Project offers help for hazardous waste

The Alaska Native Health Board's Good Earth Project, in conjunction with CENALHUNT, the Coastal Management Program for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, held a Marine Debris Hazardous Materials Workshop Nov. 15-16 at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Building in Bethel.

The Good Earth Project is a partnership between the Alaska Native Health Board and The Alaska Health Project and is designed to assist concerned rural Alaska populations with hazardous materials issues with their communities.

The workshop brought together various community members who work with hazardous material issues, concerned residents from surrounding villages and the CENALHUNT Board of Directors.

Altogether, about 40 people attended the all-day Hazardous Materials Workshop on Nov. 16. The day was split into two parts, with the morning session devoted to short speeches and discussions by invited speakers, and the afternoon session pro-

viding a forum for more discussion, small group work and technical advice.

The goal of the two-day workshop was to assist concerned residents of Bethel and surrounding villages with hazardous materials issues.

Disposal of waste oil, abandoned military or industrial dumpsites, emergency spills and contamination of Native lands and subsistence foods are issues that affect many rural Alaskans.

The workshop provided resources and contacts to utilize for cleanup and prevention of pollution.

The Good Earth Project has a toll-free number (1-800-478-2864) for anyone desiring advice, information or help with hazardous materials issues.

The project has also developed two training manuals that offer step-by-step assistance to individuals wishing to begin cleanup projects within their villages.

If you would like copies of these training manuals, have questions or comments or need technical advice, please call The Good Earth Project.