

Relocation of Storage Tanks Irks Village

The villagers of Scammon Bay are protesting the relocation of their water storage tanks by the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) because they feel it will ruin their location.

Harold Sparks, speaking on behalf of Nunam Kitlutsisti, a protection agency of the Association of Village Council Presidents, reports the tanks, designed for a sewage treatment center, are located on a low hill behind the village.

"The Bureau of Indian Affairs complained it did not want the tanks there because they feel they might start flooding and mud slippage at the school across from them," Sparks explained.

"PHS decided to move the tanks to a higher hill behind the village and built about a mile of road to the new location without consulting the village.

"But there's no erosion pro-

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tection and the people are afraid the spring thaw will wash out the bottom half of the hill and ruin the environment.

"As yet, PHS has not moved the water tanks and the road area was not reseeded before the freeze.

"The entire village had to be involved and poor planning by PHS has caused a real environment problem in the village," Sparks maintains.