

Problems of Waste Disposal—

North Slope Borough And NANA Sign Contract

BARROW—Eben Hopson, mayor of the North Slope Borough, and Willie Hensley, president of NANA Environmental Systems, Inc. (NES) announced today that the borough and NANA have entered into a contract to construct and operate water, sewer and solid waste collection and disposal utilities systems in the Deadhorse-Prudhoe Bay area.

The contract concludes eight months of planning to solve the

serious environmental problems that have plagued operators in the industrial area of Deadhorse and Prudhoe Bay.

The voters of the North Slope Borough passed a bond issue on July 29 to provide \$12.5 million to fund the project and the Alaska Public Utilities Commission granted a temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the waste system on Aug. 15.

According to Willie Hensley,

president of NES, the responsibility of his company is to assist the borough in obtaining all necessary certificates to operate the utilities, to oversee the construction of the utilities, which will be accomplished by NANA Construction Company, and to operate the utilities for the borough.

Mayor Hopson feels that the only way to solve the serious environmental problems of waste

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disposal in the North Slope is effective cooperation between the borough, the state, the oil industry and their contractors.

Hopson noted that both B.P. Alaska and Atlantic Richfield Company have been very cooperative in the borough's efforts to put the system together.

Mayor Hopson indicated that the problems of obtaining fresh water, proper sewage treatment and solid waste collection and disposal were major areas of concern in all Arctic communities and he feels that the North Slope Borough and the oil industry experience in the Deadhorse-Prudhoe Bay area will provide useful information for other communities in Alaska.