

# KAWERAK BROWNFIELD PROGRAM

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



### DID YOU KNOW?

*Clean energy has been making growth in Alaska!*

- Alaska generated more solar energy in 2023 than all solar energy produced before 2021 combined!
- Since 2023, Alaska has installed 0.09 gigawatts of battery storage capacity ranking us at 12th in the country! Battery storage stores energy obtained from renewable energy sources.

### PROJECT UPDATES

#### AUGUST

- Brownfield Coordinator, Kayla, attended a Qualified Sampler training in Anchorage for water & soil testing.
- Brownfield Program Manager visited multiple sites and is working on an interactive map for our website.

#### SEPTEMBER

- Elim - Kawerak & ChemTrack staff completed initial Phase II testing at the City old Shop Site.
- White Mountain - Kawerak & ChemTrack staff completed initial Phase II testing at the Former BIA School Barrels Site.

#### OCTOBER

- Shishmaref Shoreline Tar Barrel Site Final Cleanup Plan submitted.
- Shishmaref Tar Barrel Site debris removed.

#### NOVEMBER

- Golovin - Brownfield Manager, Brandie, & Coordinator, Kayla presented leadership with the Final Cleanup Plan for the Former Washeteria and some amazing grants received for work in Golovin.

#### 2025 PLANS

- Brandie & Kayla will present at the 2025 Alaska Forum on the Environment's conference in Anchorage.

### "Ukiaq": Baby Walrus Rescue!

A baby walrus was rescued earlier this fall from Utqiagvik after her herd left the area. She was found dehydrated and emaciated with some cuts. She received 24/7 care and rehabilitated at the Alaska SeaLife Center! Little miss walrus was named "Ukiaq" meaning autumn in Inupiaq. Ukiaq's new home is with the SeaWorld in Orlando, as she did not learn how to hunt before growing up and is now dependent on human care.



((PHOTO BY AK SEA LIFE CENTER FROM AKSEALIFE.ORG))

## Big Thank You to White Mountain!

### BEFORE



### AFTER



Our program would like to extend a big thank you to **Jay Adams, Jesse Ashenfelder, Julius Lone, & Bob Fagundes** for assisting with the White Mountain Former BIA School Barrels Site. These men crushed over 200 empty barrels, placed them in the super sacs in the photo to the left, and hauled them by boat to Council so that we could pick them up from there! They worked incredibly hard, and we are so thankful that they could help get the site prepped for us to complete soil testing on site!

## Shishmaref Shoreline Tar Barrels Site Cleanup!

We are happy to announce the first phase of cleanup on the Shishmaref Shoreline Tar Barrel site has been completed. During the cleanup, another site with barrels was discovered which we will be addressing next summer.

Thanks to **Andrew Kakoona** and his team, the barrels that were on the shoreline will not be floating out to sea or being swept into the community by waves and flooding.

We would like to say thank you to the **Shishmaref Native Corporation** and the **Native Village of Shishmaref** for their assistance in helping make it happen! Together we can make a difference!

### BEFORE



### AFTER



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