

An aerial photograph of a mountainous region in winter. The foreground shows a snow-covered valley with a winding river. The middle ground is filled with dense evergreen forests. In the background, rugged mountains rise, some with patches of snow. The overall scene is serene and scenic.

Port Graham Woody Biomass Community Waste Heat Project

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Pacific Ocean

Port Graham, Alaska

- Approximately 134 people
- Annual fuel consumption 53,100 gallons diesel fuel for heat
- Annual electrical usage 1,340,000 kWh/yr



Funding Agencies

- US Department of Energy Tribal Energy Program (DOE/TEP)

<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>

- Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)

<http://www.akenergyauthority.org/>

4-Steps to Project Development



- Step 1 — Developing an Energy Strategy
- Step 2 — Developing a Feasibility Study
- Step 3 — Planning, Designing, Permitting, Purchase Agreements
- Step 4 — Shovel Ready Development and Testing

Strategic Plans

- Integrated Resource Management Plans
- Phase I November 2006
- Phase II October 2009
- Port Graham Corporation Forest Stewardship Plan



Why

- Heating cost is approximately \$6.00 gallon for fuel oil.



Where

Possible Heating Pipe Line for Port Graham Garn boiler phase 1



What



When



Feasibility Studies



- DoE Tribal Energy Program Port Graham Woody Biomass Feasibility Study July 2007
- Internal CHP Feasibility Study 2009
- Internal GARN Boiler Feasibility Study 2010

Wood Combustion Scenarios

A. Wood Furnaces/Boilers	<i>Feedstock: Logs, wood chips, or pellets</i>
1. Indoor Wood Boilers	Individual homes' and village buildings' heat
2. Small Outdoor Wood Furnaces	Individual homes' and village buildings' heat
3. Moderate Outdoor Wood Furnaces	Multiple (3–4) homes' and village buildings' heat
B. Automated Combustion System	<i>Feedstock: Wood chips</i>
1. Moderate Combustion System	Village buildings' heat and cannery steam
2. Large-Scale Combustion System	Entire village, i.e., homes and village buildings' heat and cannery steam

EERC Table I. Wood Combustion Scenarios

Feedstock Costs

Feedstock	Heating Value	Price/Cost	Per MMBtu
Diesel	130,000 Btu/gal	\$6.00/gal	\$46.00
Wood, dry	8100 Btu/lb	\$60/ton	\$4.20
Logs, 12% moisture	7100 Btu/lb		
Chips, 12% moisture	7100 Btu/lb	\$97/ton	\$6.80
Pellets, 5% moisture	7700 Btu/lb	\$240/ton	\$15.00
Fish Oil	120,000 Btu/gal	\$1.00/gal	\$8.50

Politics



- Public opinion—local kind
- Local and private utility
- Public Utility Cooperatives
- State Regulatory Commission
- Federal Tax Credits and other support
- Carbon Credits
- Consultants and consulting firms and “other” experts

Step 3—Planning, Designing, Permitting, and Purchase Agreements

- Planning—an endless exercise
- Design—engineering design for technology and site design and fitting/retro-fitting
- Permitting—meeting regulatory requirements and land-use agreements
- Purchase Agreements—who will buy your product and what formal agreements are needed to obtain your fuel source
- Funding your project, matching and down payments, and what is the Pay Back Period*

Step 3—Planning, Designing, Permitting, and Purchase Agreements

- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- Alaska Department of Natural Resources
- Regulatory Commission of Alaska
- US Army Corp of Engineers
- US Bureau of Land Management
- US Coast Guard
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- US Forest Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- And Others

Step 3—Planning, Designing, Permitting, and **Purchase Agreements**

- Long-term agreements
- Everybody wants to make money
- Everybody wants free energy
- Cost and collection
- What does the forest look like?

Step 4—Next Steps

Shovel Ready Project and Testing

- Now you can build
- Who manages the project?
- Who does the construction?
- Who does the testing?
- Who operates and sustains the project?
- Who collects the fees, operates, and manages the technology?

Questions

