

Alaska Department of Transportation

Subject: Phone conversation between Dave Sanches, Alaska Department of Transportation, and Margaret Heaphy, North Fork Landowners' Association Road Committee

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The department is using Envirokleen, Dura Soil and calcium chloride for dust-abatement treatments. The first two products are environmentally friendly and can be purchased from Midwest Industrial Supply Inc.; www.midwestind.com; (800) 321-0699.

Calcium chloride is used on remote highways away from villages and populated areas. Calcium chloride is a sloppy mess in the spring. It can leach and they have to be careful not to use it near wet areas.

Envirokleen is used in villages such as Eagle. He said it is only harmful if you drink the equivalent of a one quart bottle straight. Depending on the base, with decent gravel it can last 18 months to three years.

I asked where they are getting grant money. He said tribal reservations qualify for money, There are federal programs that cater to remote communities with community development grants. EPA has grants available. They have received money from the transportation department at the university. They are doing test strips with this money trying different abatement options.

They received \$800,000 to treat five miles of road with Envirokleen in Eagle, Alaska. He said it takes \$250,000 just to get the equipment into this remote village.

When asked what type of environmental assessment is required, he said they do all Category Exclusion which they can use, as long as they don't go out of the road right of way.

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