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## Fire Island Wind works to bring renewable power to Railbelt



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### Fire Island wind farm scheduled to go online October 2012

CIRI subsidiary Fire Island Wind, LLC, is working hard to bring renewable power to Alaska Railbelt ratepayers at a cost that is competitive with and may soon beat natural gas-produced energy. In fact, Alaska's first commercial-scale wind power generation project is already under construction on Fire Island, just three miles west of Anchorage. But before this inexpensive, reliable renewable

energy can be brought to market, power purchase agreements with one or more local utilities must be completed in order for the project to continue. Fire Island Wind is the only local energy project that is ready to provide a near-term solution to the dwindling supply of Cook Inlet natural gas. Visit [fireislandwind.com](http://fireislandwind.com) to learn more about what's at stake and what you can do to help.

## CIRI, CITC receive U.S. Census award

Award recognizes those who help relay the importance of being counted

CIRI and Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) were selected to receive a 2010 United States Census Award by the Seattle Regional Census Center. The award honors individuals and organizations that show exemplary commitment to helping to relay the importance of being counted in the 2010 Census.



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CIRI and CITC received a 2010 U.S. Census Award from the Seattle Regional Census Center. Pictured are Seattle Regional Census Director Mike Burns, CITC President and CEO Gloria O'Neill, U.S. Rep. Don Young, CIRI President and CEO Margie Brown, CIRI shareholder and Census Partnership Specialist Gloria Yates and U.S. Sen. Mark Begich.

The U.S. Census' Seattle Regional Deputy Director, Mike Burns, gave the awards in a small ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at the CIRI Building. U.S. Rep. Don Young and U.S. Sen. Mark Begich were also honored and attended the ceremony.

The Census counts every resident in the United States as required by the Constitution to, among other things, apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Census also supplies demographic data that helps the government and other organizations decide where to allocate funding for projects that impact communities.

In 2010, the U.S. Census partnered with 1,800 Alaska community organizations and leaders to generate community support for the Census. In Alaska, eleven organizations were selected to receive an award, including CIRI, CITC, the state of Alaska, Rep. Don Young, Sen. Mark Begich, the city of Juneau, the village of Noorvik, the city of Palmer, the Anchorage School District, the Fairbanks Northstar Borough and First Alaskans Institute.

## North Wind Inc. remediates groundwater at former missile site

Project fine-tunes new technology to fit needs

North Wind Inc., a CIRI company, is currently working under contract with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater at a former nuclear missile site outside of Windsor, Colo.

Groundwater at the site was identified in 1994 as contaminated with trichloroethene (TCE). TCE is an industrial solvent used primarily in metal degreasing and cleaning. TCE was

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Image courtesy of North Wind Inc.

North Wind Inc. is using hydraulic fracturing to clean the contaminated groundwater at the site.

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A word from the president

## Reform 8(a) rules to save and improve the program

By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

There has been a lot of discussion in the news and in Washington, D.C. lately about Alaska Native corporation 8(a) contracting and whether or not the program is working, should it be reformed or just thrown out. The tone and volume of the talk picked up this month when Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) and Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) introduced companion bills in the U.S. Senate and House to strip away contracting advantages from the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) federal contracting program citing the need to protect Alaska Native people and reduce government spending waste as the reasons for the proposed legislation.

Protecting Alaska Native interests and reducing waste are commendable goals, however, the proposed bills do not advance these ends, rather they do damage to them. Sen. McCaskill and Rep. Thompson appear to use hand-picked incidents and a broad brush to sweep Alaska Native corporations and the benefits they provide their shareholders under the rug. Eliminating economic opportunities for every Native American in the country (while also attempting to rewrite parts of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) works to the detriment of Alaska Native people.

The SBA's 8(a) business development program is one of the key government preference programs that many minority-owned or disadvantaged companies, including Alaska Native corporations, use to grow their business by getting preferential consideration for certain federal procurement contracts. The program is not an entitlement. Rather, it increases fairness by creating opportunities for disadvantaged companies to win federal contracts that would likely otherwise go to large, well-established national and global business enterprises.

Congress passed Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act in 1971 to settle Alaska Natives' aboriginal claim to vast stretches of land. In structuring the settlement, Congress chose a unique approach, one that was designed to stimulate economic development for Alaska Native people. The Act created 12 Alaska Native regional corporations and more than 200 village corporations and made more than 80,000 Alaska Native people the owners of these corporations. Congress recognized the challenges these newly-formed entities faced and acted to support the growth and development of these Alaska Native corporations by rightfully designating them socially and economically disadvantaged minority-owned enterprises, and by allowing

participation in programs designed to assist such enterprises.

The level of contracting by Alaska Native corporations using the procurement preferences allowed in the SBA 8(a) program has grown dramatically during the past decade. Government officials responded to this 8(a) contracting growth

by Alaska Native corporations by reviewing the program to ensure it was meeting Congressional policy goals. The Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, recommended rule changes last year to improve program oversight. The SBA also proposed rule changes and Sen. McCaskill, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, launched an SBA 8(a) contracting investigation. Most recently, Sen. McCaskill and Rep. Thompson have introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives respectively.

CIRI, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and Doyon, Limited joined together to propose an 8(a) program reform package that we submitted to the SBA in September to protect Alaska Native corporations' ability to participate in the SBA 8(a) program. Our reforms would build on proven SBA 8(a) program success by promoting more competition, strengthening enforcement against companies and individuals who violate program rules and requiring companies to track and report shareholder benefits derived from SBA 8(a) contracts. You can review this package at <http://www.ciri.com/8a>.

Alaska Native corporations use the SBA 8(a) program to promote economic development that benefits thousands of Alaska Native shareholders and the entire state of Alaska. It is a good idea to discuss reforms that will improve the SBA 8(a) program, but it is not an improvement to negate Congress' purpose and intent that support the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the minority-owned enterprises the Act created. CIRI, ASRC and Doyon have proposed responsible reforms that we believe will improve the program and we stand ready to work with the SBA and Congress to implement them.



Margie Brown

We invite Sen. McCaskill and Rep. Thompson to work with our group and others to reform 8(a) contracting rules to better encourage the growth of sustainable businesses that help improve the standard of living for Alaska Native people and other Native Americans while also increasing accountability and competition and decreasing the potential for abuse.

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## Our Business

### Alaska Interstate Construction completes Tanana River Bridge

Alaska Interstate Construction LLC (AIC), a CIRI company, completed construction of the Tanana River Bridge late summer 2010. AIC was commissioned by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities in cooperation with the Alaska division of the Federal Highway Administration to replace an existing bridge that was built in 1943 by the U.S. military. AIC also realigned the highway to match the new placement of the bridge. The bridge is located on the Alaska Highway, approximately 10 miles east of Tok. AIC was awarded \$30,650,414 for the project.



The new Tanana River Bridge stretches a half-mile across the Tanana River near Tok and replaces a bridge built during World War II.

Image courtesy of AIC

### Did you know?

The Fire Island wind project will produce the energy equivalent of a 36 BCF natural gas field during its first 25 years. That would be the 10th largest gas field ever found and commercially developed in the Cook Inlet basin, and larger than 21 other fields already developed

in the region. CIRI is offering to sell Fire Island wind power with flat-priced, 25-year contracts at prices that will be competitive with natural gas-generated power as soon as the wind farm goes online in October, 2012.

## Shareholder wins Governor's Award for Arts and Humanities



*Governor Sean Parnell presented CIRI shareholder and artist Lalla Williams with a 2010 Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities in Fairbanks on Oct. 21.*

CIRI shareholder and accomplished artist Lalla Williams (Sugpiaq) received a 2010 Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities on Oct. 21. The award was sponsored by the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Office of the Governor.

Williams is widely known for using skin sewing, an ancient technique, to create a wide variety of traditional and contemporary art. Some examples of her art include Sugpiat regalia, dolls and seal intestine windows. Williams is frequently a costume designer for Cyrano's Off-Center Playhouse. She is currently working on the costumes for "Assimilation," a play by Jack Dalton that opened on Nov. 19.

"I grew up not really knowing my culture because I was raised in Anchorage. Back in the 1980s, my kids were asked to dress in other Alaska Native cultures' regalia for a show at the Native hospital. I realized then that I didn't really know my own Sugpiat culture very well and I wanted to learn more," said Williams.

Since then, Williams' interest has morphed into her livelihood today as an artist and teacher. This November, Williams is teaching youth enrolled in the Alaska Native Heritage Center's high school program how to make Sugpiat-style boots.

Of the award, Williams said: "I was nominated by the Alaska Native Heritage Center and I am very, very honored to be nominated for this peer-chosen award by people I work for and with."

## CIRI Shareholder of the Year: Mary Lou Bottorff

CIRI selected Mary Lou Bottorff as its 2010 Shareholder of the Year. CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer Margie Brown presented Bottorff with an award plaque and an Athabascan chief's necklace at CIRI's Anchorage friendship potlatch on Oct. 30 in Anchorage.

Mary Lou opened The Roots Digger Museum in 2007 after retiring from a 30-year career as housing director for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe. Mary Lou feels that it is important that young people are familiar with the diversity of Alaska Native cultures. Mary Lou encourages classroom visits and gives free tours to school children throughout the year.

"Mary Lou's commitment to sharing her knowledge of Alaska Native cultures through the free classroom visits and tours she gives to youth is a key reason why CIRI selected her for this award," said Brown. Her single-handed effort is inspiring and it personifies the spirit of giving, which is an Alaska Native value. I have come to know what a special person Mary Lou is by watching how she cares for her granddaughter who is recovering from a severe injury."

Mary Lou has served as treasurer of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe for the past four years.



*Mary Lou Bottorff accepts her Shareholder of the Year plaque from CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer Margie Brown.*

*Image courtesy of CIRI*

## CIRI Spotlight: Dave Swenson

CIRI shareholder's behind-the-scenes work provides important support

If you happen to visit CIRI's executive offices, you may find Dave Swenson sitting behind the reception desk. When CIRI's receptionist takes a lunch break in the middle of the day, often the CIRI shareholder and employee fills in for an hour. When he is not busy politely directing visitors and fielding phone calls in the reception area, Swenson, whose title is corporate services supervisor, helps keep CIRI running like a well-oiled machine.



*Dave Swenson*

Whether he is hard at work managing CIRI's warehouse, helping set up meetings, purchasing supplies for the company or running the courier department, Dave makes a hard job look easy and makes many other people's jobs a little easier in the process.

Swenson began working at CIRI six years ago when he was encouraged to apply after doing some work at the CIRI warehouse. Swenson is originally from Seldovia, although he has also lived in Kodiak and Union, Wash. He is of Aleut, Swede and German-Jewish descent. He was a young boy living in Kodiak during the '64 earthquake and remembers watching the water in the bay recede from a hill, seeing the floor of the bay, seeing many of the boats in the bay end up on hills and being evacuated by the U.S. Navy.

In his spare time, Swenson enjoys cedar log carving, fishing, being outdoors and hunting. Swenson donates moose meat that he harvests for CIRI's fall friendship potlatches. He also volunteers at Bean's Café every month and occasionally when needed at Koahnic Broadcast Corp.

Prior to joining CIRI, Swenson was a commercial fisherman, construction worker, landscaper and seafood plant worker. Swenson enjoys working at CIRI because he likes to be on-the-go.

Swenson says "My brother doesn't believe that I work at CIRI, because I don't wear suits."

Swenson's quiet commitment to excellence has helped him get to where he is today. But he considers his biggest accomplishment raising his children, who in turn have helped inspire him to live his life as fully as he can.

## Hamilton wins November Stock Will Prize

The winner for the November 2010 Stock Will participation prize is Sunni Dawn Hamilton. To be eligible for the monthly \$200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI Shareholder Relations. The CIRI Stock Will form and instructions are located on the CIRI website at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com). To verify whether you have a will on file, contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

## CIRI to pay fourth quarter dividend, Elders' payment

On Thursday, Dec. 9, CIRI will mail or direct deposit a fourth quarter 2010 dividend of \$9.83 per share. Shareholders who own 100 shares of stock will receive a dividend of \$983.00.

A \$450 payment from CIRI's Irrevocable Elders' Settlement Trust will be mailed on Friday, Dec. 10, to original CIRI shareholders who are 65 years of age or older, and who own at least one share of CIRI stock.

Address change forms can be downloaded from CIRI's website and mailed to CIRI at P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, Alaska 99509-3330, or faxed to (907) 263-5186. If you fax your address change form, please call the Shareholder Relations Department at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 to confirm receipt.



## CITC's Christmas Basket Program brings joy to families in need

Program gives holiday presents to local children

This holiday season, some families in our community will not have enough money to purchase gifts for their children or to celebrate with a special holiday dinner. Help spread the holiday cheer to a family in need by making a contribution to Cook Inlet Tribal Council's annual Christmas Basket program. Gifts will directly support this program, which makes it possible for local families to give holiday presents to their children and enjoy a special holiday dinner. To support the Christmas basket program, please contact Kelly Hurd, Cook Inlet Tribal Council development director at (907) 793-3272 or email khurd@citci.org.

## CIHA taking housing applications

Centennial Village property convenient, serene

Cook Inlet Housing Authority is currently accepting applications for family and elder housing vacancies in Anchorage.

Centennial Village in east Anchorage offers independent living for elders in beautiful, affordable one- and two-bedroom apartments located in six unique buildings. The location offers 20 acres of landscaped grounds surrounded by fabulous scenery and easy access to public transportation. Our residents enjoy an active lifestyle right at home with on-site craft rooms, libraries, computer rooms, game rooms and ceramic clubs, crafting clubs, organized daytrips, dances and holiday events.



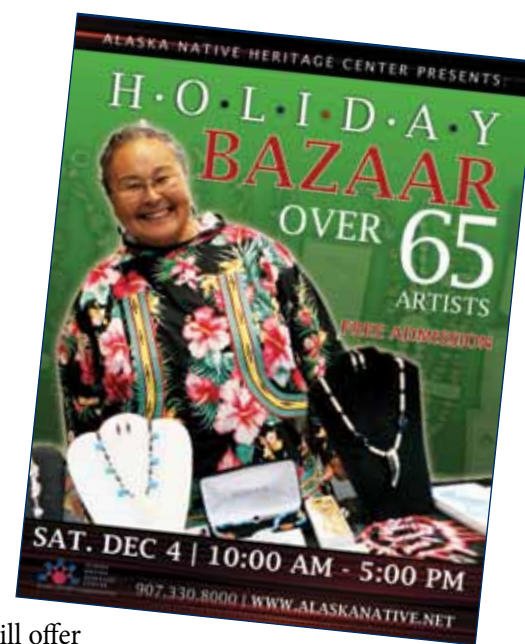
Image courtesy of Cook Inlet Housing Authority

*The interior spaces of Centennial Village maximize daylight and an open floor concept.*

Interested parties are encouraged to apply at Cook Inlet Housing Authority, 3510 Spenard Road in Anchorage. Information and applications are available at [www.cookinlethousing.org](http://www.cookinlethousing.org).

## Upcoming holiday bazaar features authentic Alaska Native-made gifts

Heritage Center bazaar free to the public



The Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 4 at the Alaska Native Heritage Center will offer gift-seekers more than 65 tables to explore with arts and crafts available for purchase from artists representing cultural groups from throughout Alaska. Choirs, dance groups and singers will entertain on the Gathering Place stage during the day. Doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (907) 330-8000 or visit [www.alaskanative.net](http://www.alaskanative.net) for more information.



### Do you want a great summer job?

CATC is accepting applications for the 2011 tourism season.

CATC is looking for staff for a variety of seasonal positions at its lodge and marine operations in Talkeetna, Seward and Whittier. A limited number of positions are open in Anchorage.

Some positions begin as early as mid-April and end mid-to-late September. There are a variety of positions available, from entry level to supervisory positions, and housing is available for employees at the properties located outside Anchorage.

For more information, visit [www.ciritourism.com/alaska-jobs.html](http://www.ciritourism.com/alaska-jobs.html).

Don't miss this exciting opportunity... CIRI shareholders and descendants are strongly encouraged to apply!

### Did you know?

CIRI could build 28 Fire Island wind projects for the cost of the Susitna dam project that Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell announced on Nov. 24, 2010. Those wind farms would produce 4 million megawatt-hours of electricity annually compared to 2.5 million megawatt hours for the Susitna dam project. Also, using the proposed Susitna project financing assumptions, the wind-produced power would cost utilities about 2¢ per kilowatt hour versus 6¢ per kilowatt hour for Susitna-hydro-produced power.

## Alaska Native Heritage Center 2011 class schedule

Class	Instructor	Dates	Time	Cost
<b>Kodiak/Aleutian Slat Armor</b>	Andrew Abyo	Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$225
<b>Parka Ruffs</b>	Willie Topkok	Jan. 15, 22, 29	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$250
<b>Inupiaq Mukluks</b>	Rossmann Fergusson	Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$275
<b>Sugpiaq/Unangax Ceremonial Headwear</b>	Lalla Williams	Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$200
<b>Athabascan Gloves</b>	Charlie Pardue	Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$275
<b>Southeast Ceremonial Yokes</b>	Helen Koenig	Feb 5, 12, 19	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$125
<b>Housewives' Sewing Kits</b>	Lalla Williams	Mar. 5, 12, 19	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$125
<b>Athabascan Dentalium Necklaces</b>	Charlie Pardue	Mar. 5, 12, 19	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$200
<b>Cup'ik Baskets</b>	Emily Johnson	Mar. 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$200

For more information about enrolling, visit [www.alaskanative.net](http://www.alaskanative.net) or call (907) 330-8000.

## In Touch with shareholders



Julianne Wilson

### Young leader

CIRI descendant Julianne Wilson represented Kenai Middle and Mountain View Elementary Schools at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. in October. Julianne is the sixth-grade daughter of CIRI shareholder Emil Wilson and his wife Sandra (Segura) Wilson of Kenai and the granddaughter of shareholders Ronald and Caroline Wilson and Julia Wilson, of Kenai, and David Segura, of Nikiski.



Ray John Welcome

### Honor student

CIRI descendant Ray John Welcome earned a spot on the first quarter honor roll at Begich Middle School. Ray John is the son of CIRI shareholders Debbie Welcome and her husband Charles Welcome of Anchorage. Ray John enjoys boxing, playing the violin in orchestra and playing video games in his spare time.



Joshua Brown

### Judo team member

CIRI descendant Joshua Brown is training at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Co. in Judo, a martial art. He is a student at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs where he is working toward a degree in business. Currently, he is the youngest member of the Olympic training center Judo team.



Baby Sylus

### Baby Sylus

CIRI shareholder Linda Baxter of Palmer announces the birth of her grandson, Sylus Baxter, born on May 19. He was 8 pounds, 7 ounces and 22 inches long. He is the son of David Baxter, a CIRI descendant, and his wife Christina.

### Share your news and stay connected

by submitting an In Touch announcement. Announcements must be about a CIRI shareholder or descendant. Photographs are welcome in a high resolution print or digital format. CIRI reserves the right to edit announcements for grammar, brevity and taste. All photos will be returned as addressed on the back.

Shareholders may submit an announcement by dropping it off to the CIRI reception desk at 2525 C Street, Suite 500, Anchorage, AK, e-mailing it to [ciriinfo@ciri.com](mailto:ciriinfo@ciri.com) or by mailing it to the attention of:

CIRI Newsletter, CIRI  
P.O. Box 93330 • Anchorage, AK 99509-3330

## Shareholder/descendant-owned business

Need a massage? CIRI shareholder Cara Puryear is a licensed massage therapist who owns Inner Child Therapeutic Massage in Anchorage. She completed a 920-hour program in therapeutic massage in 2009 and is a member of the American Massage Therapy Association. She is offering a 15 percent discount to CIRI, Koniag and Chugach Alaska shareholders in Anchorage.

### Inner Child Therapeutic Massage

Cara Puryear, LMT  
(907) 884-1726 (phone)  
[innerchildmassage@gmail.com](mailto:innerchildmassage@gmail.com)

E-mail [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com) or call (907) 263-5146 to submit your shareholder-owned business information.

## CIRI needs your help locating shareholder addresses

CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. It is important for shareholders to notify CIRI Shareholder Relations and the U.S. Postal Service of all address changes. The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record with the shareholder relations department and should fill out the change of address form at CIRI's offices, or download it at [www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/change.aspx](http://www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/change.aspx). You can also write a letter, signed by the shareholder, which includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and social security number.

Abell, Byron Keith  
Abfalter, William Frank  
Andersen, Bonnie Dee  
Anderson, Richard Wilmont  
Askay, Egan Hugh  
Barrickman, Misti Lynn  
Bates, Earl Corneluis  
Beach, Alton Lee III  
Benedix, Burnell William Jr  
Bowen, John Gibb  
Bright, Steven Patrick  
Carlough, Kristi Leann  
Charles, Michael Frank  
Chute, Izair Ronald  
Cook, Tilford Don  
Cook, Waldo E  
Dahl, Linda Lee  
Dannellik, Jennifer Nichole  
Eben, Owen Francis  
Edwardson, Megan Elizabeth  
Egelak, Peter Joseph  
Finley, George Even III  
Funicelli, Robert Charles  
Galloway, Sonya Lynn  
Greenberg, Thomas William  
Hamilton, Eric Bruce  
Hand, Mary Joan  
Hansen, Penny Louise  
Holm, Elaine Lena  
Hooper, Jesse Franklin  
Hutchison, Grant Thomas  
Ivanoff, Jake  
Jordon, Branden J  
Joslyn, Marilyn Elizabeth  
Kehl, Edward Norman  
Kennedy, Elizabeth Marie  
Komok, Alfred Hansen  
Lamborn, Gwynydd Electra  
Lampkin, Raven Kim  
Lock, David Atlas Jr  
Luttrell, William Dean Jr  
Marsden, John Victor Sr

Marth, Demetrius J  
Mells, Derrick Wolf  
Moore, Shaun Michael  
Morris, Steven  
Morris, Thomasina M  
Morrison, David Shawn  
Mund, Timothy Edwin  
Nelson, Mark Willis  
Nelson, Roy  
Octuk, Lydia Adena-Marie  
Osborne, Thomas Albert  
Outwater, Joshua Thomas  
Paniptchuk, Ida Gail  
Petaja, Maureena Joann  
Peterson, Jamie Lance  
Peterson, John David  
Richardson, Eldrine Rose  
Rincon, Ginny Reta  
Ritter, Danielle Lee  
Ryan, John F  
Santana, Xavier Emmanuel  
Scott, Chelsi Rebecca  
Silook, Jacqualine Sue  
Simmonds, Erdman Ungaruk  
Sojot, Joyce Nina  
Soxie, Viola M  
Stewart, Steven Dennis  
Suydam, Steven Allen  
Sweeney, Alfred Henry Jr  
Swift, Edward Lee  
Takeuchi, Veronica Ann  
Tate, Alaine Lisa  
Tootkaylok, Roger Dean  
Triplett, Charmaine Lavonne  
Warren, Rose Arlene  
Waterbury, Anthony Wayne  
Wheeler, Anwar Lee  
Wheeler, Dominic Joseph  
Wild, Robert Lawrence Jr  
Williams, Theodore Martin  
Wilson, William H Jr  
Wolfe, Matthew Martin

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used at the Atlas site to clean missile fuel tanks and lines. The groundwater at the site occurs in an impermeable sandstone bedrock layer that poses significant challenges to conventional groundwater remediation techniques.



Image courtesy of North Wind Inc.

*The Atlas missile site in northeastern Colorado contained one intercontinental ballistic missile armed with a nuclear warhead in the 1960s.*

Exposure to TCE can lead to negative short-term health effects on the central nervous system ranging from headache, dizziness and confusion to unconsciousness and death at higher levels. TCE is known to cause kidney cancer, leukemia, non-Hodgkin lymphoma and liver cancer.

North Wind Inc. is using a unique combination of hydraulic fracturing and innovative groundwater remediation technology to clean the large volume of contaminated groundwater at the site. Hydraulic fracturing is natural gas drilling technique involving high-pressure injection of water, sand and other compounds, if needed, to break up underground rock formations.

"This project sets North Wind Inc. apart as a technological leader and innovator capable of cleaning up toxic threats to our nation's groundwater. I'm pleased that a CIRI-owned company is doing this complex technical work. North Wind has established itself as the go-to contractor for complex environmental clean-up," said Greg Razo, CIRI vice president of government contracting.

Early evaluations show that treated areas have reduced the TCE level by up to 82 percent of pre-injection levels and the USACE, state and federal regulators have agreed to apply this technology to the remaining portions of this site.



# Condolences

## Aaron Adams, 78

Aaron Adams died Sept. 8 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Adams was born Oct. 21, 1931, in Golovin, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Helen Adams.

## Mary Aniska Flood, 76

Mary Aniska Flood died Aug. 11 at the Sitka Pioneer Home in Sitka, Alaska. Ms. Flood was born Oct. 23, 1933, near Holy Cross, Alaska to Charles and Antonia Edwards. She married her husband Tom Flood on April 18, 1954. Mary and Tom enjoyed living at Lake Minchumina in interior Alaska, where they built their log cabin home and gardens. She loved to hunt, fish, trap and garden. She is survived by nieces, Marty (and Bruce) Wilson and Jenny Sauder.

## Mark Allen Foster, 51

Mark Allen Foster died Sept. 3 at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. Mr. Foster was born in Texarkana, Texas. He is survived by his daughters, Natasha and Felecia Foster; son, Joseph Foster; and sisters, Carla Castro and Deborah Price.

## Ruby Janice Golden, 48

Ruby Janice Golden died May 2 at the Nevada Regional Medical Center in Nevada, Mo. Ms. Golden was born July 28, 1961, in Ft. Yukon, Alaska. She is survived by her sons, Thomas Guy Manuel and Tony Lee Manuel; and sister, Eva Marie Springer.

## Brenda Lorraine Gregoire, 51

Brenda Lorraine Gregoire died Sept. 28. Brenda was born Feb. 14, 1959 in Homer, Alaska to Violet Blatchford and Paul Jones. Brenda lived a subsistence lifestyle, commercial fishing with her husband Paul Gregoire every summer. She had a passion for gardening and loved to visit her grandchildren, Lili, Jayden and Audra. She is survived by her husband, Paul Gregoire; daughters, Katrina Leiva and Jamie Pennington; son, Mathew Gregoire, sons-in-law Frank Leiva and Mason Pennington; mother, Violet Mack; grandchildren, Liliana, Jayden and Audra Leiva; brothers, Larry Jones, Roland Jones, Alfred Jones and Cody Mack and many other relatives and friends who knew and loved her.

## Nora Hamersley, 78

Nora Hamersley died May 14 at Providence Extended Care in Anchorage. Ms. Hamersley was born in Pt. Hope, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Christine Kuzma; son, Joe Hamersley; and grandchildren, Jamie Dann, Heidi Hunter, J. Ethan Kuzma and Bryan Hamersley.

## Mary Walkoota Lane, 86

Mary Walkoota Lane died Sept. 18 at home in Anchorage. Ms. Lane was born in Boxer Bay on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. She was a loving mother and enjoyed teaching her culture to her children and community. She is survived by her daughters, Lorraine K. Gafford and Charlene M. Lane; sons, Russell K. Silook and Charles A. Lane Jr.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Virginia McMillan, 79

Virginia McMillan died Sept. 21 at home in Anchorage, surrounded by family and friends. Ms. McMillan was born May 6, 1931, at the Alaska Native Hospital in Anchorage. She was gifted with many talents, including making shirts and blouses out of flour sacks, sewing beautiful square dance dresses, painting, drawing, and crocheting. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and Tom Yates, Virginia and Dan Griffith, and Maribeth Forest; son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Susan McMillan; sisters, Clara Kisch and Annie Knigge; and grandchildren, Chrystal and Christine McMillan, Thomas Yates III, Eric Griffith, Craig Griffith, Allison Larson, Bobby Crosby and John Pina.

## William Thomas McNair, 40

William Thomas McNair died Sept. 7 at home in Clear Lake, Wash. Mr. McNair was born in Anchorage, Alaska. He is survived by his parents, Barbara and Douglas McNair; and brother, Scott McNair.

## Jenny Lee Runstetler, 82

Jenny Lee Runstetler died Sept. 3 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, surrounded by family and friends. Ms. Runstetler was born July 4, 1928 at fish camp in Iliamna to Katherine Simeon and Michael C. Rickteroff. She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Wright, Susan Benyish and Mary Ann Peplinski; sons-in-law, Michael Wright and Richard Peplinski; grandchildren, Nicodemous Marsing and Thrina (Media), Justin Marsing and Heather (Wilson), Tina and Emily Wright, Stephen Peplinski and Marianna, and Erik, Kayla and Erica Benyish; great-grandchildren, Kylee, Brayton and Gage Marsing, and Ember and Phoenix Marsing; brother, David Rickteroff; nephews, Alan Victoroff and family, and Kurt Jensen; and nieces, Amber and Bernice Victoroff and family, and Debra Brown and family.

## Charles Allen Seetomona "Aknaalook", 57

Charles Allen Seetomona died Nov. 6, 2009, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Seetomona was born August 31, 1952, in Nome, Alaska to Tommy and Glenna Seetomona. Mr. Seetomona will be remembered by his family and friends as a kind, gentle, cheerful, humble and handsome man whose life was a tribute to kindness, humility, forgiveness and acceptance. He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Elmer and Mary Avessuk, Stephen and Loretta Seetomona, Lorena Seetomona, Coolidge Seetomona, Harriet and Everett Cutshall, Marilyn Seetomona, Viola Seetomona and Linda Seetomona; and many nieces and nephews.

## Jeffery Lynn Shull, 68

Jeffery Lynn Shull died Feb. 17 at home in Yelm, Wash. Mr. Shull was born July 10, 1941, in Los Angeles, Calif. He is survived by his uncle, Richard B. Slakey.

## Condolences

George Butler, 72  
Steven Clark Reamer, 53  
Mina Ruth Silook, 51

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