

Native Alaskans, Politics, and Toxic Waste



Environmental Cleanup at Remote Sites

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The native Yupik people of Alaska's St. Lawrence Island (35 miles from the Russian mainland in the Bering Sea) rely heavily on traditional hunting, fishing and gathering for their food. The Northeast Cape area of the Island was used as the NORAD Command and by the Navy since 1952, with 23 sites identified for cleanup. The Yupik are concerned about contamination of animals, fish, and gathered plants and berries by persistent organic pollutants such as **PCBs** and **DDT**.

Dr. Ron Scudato and his colleagues at the Environmental Research Center at SUNY-Oswego have worked on hundreds of remediations, most recently with the Yupik. Dr. Scudato will describe his work with these native Alaskans in contrast to the cleanup process in populous communities in the US. In addition, he will discuss his work assessing the impact of pollutants on the health, cognition, and biosocial well-being of these communities.

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