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USCRN Site Has a New Name

Barrow Becomes Utqiagvik

In October 2016, the residents of Barrow, Alaska, voted to change the name of their city from Barrow to its original Inupiaq name, Utqiagvik (pronounced as Oot-KHAH'-ghah veek). The change was officially adopted by the State of Alaska on December 1, 2016.

In line with that change, the USCRN station name is now known as "AK Utqiagvik formerly Barrow 4 ENE". Due to computer filename requirements, we were not able to adopt the dotted "g" character and have left it simply as a "g". There were no other changes to the USCRN site other than the name.

A 10-second sound bite with the pronunciation is available [here](#).



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<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/12/01/503979353/barrow-alaska-changes-its-name-back-to-its-original-utqiagvik>