

Statewide Hazardous Materials Response**FY2005 Request: \$300,000****Reference No: 38898****AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Health/Human Services**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Larry Dietrick**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5255**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project protects public health and the environment by making timely response and cleanup of hazardous materials possible. It provides funding to sustain the Statewide Hazardous Materials Response Team by; maintain readiness/response capabilities for primary teams located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez and Southeast Alaska; provide training classes and exercises in communities at risk from a release of toxic chemicals; conducting a major joint federal/state/local hazardous materials response exercise to test capabilities and increase awareness; and funding training and equipment replacement/upgrades.

Funding:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Oil/Haz Fd	\$300,000						\$300,000
Total:	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Previous projects for hazardous materials response capabilities for local government have received prior appropriations of 500.0 in FY1998; 300.0 in FY1999; 200.0 in FY2001; and 500.0 in FY2002 as well as Alaska Spill Depot and Corps System 300.0 in FY2004. Other related projects have received prior appropriations as follows: "Local Community Response Training and Equipment" - 400.00 in 1995; "Local Response Agreements - Equipment, Training, and Preparedness" - 200.0 in FY1998 and 500.0 in FY1999.

Project Description/Justification:

In accordance with its statutory obligations, DEC is required to respond to oil and hazardous materials (HAZMAT) releases throughout Alaska. DEC may satisfy this responsibility through contracts with persons or municipalities or, in the absence of these resources, may elect to establish and maintain this capability within the department.

DEC has entered into formal response agreements with the communities of Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Valdez all of which maintain a credible hazardous materials (HAZMAT) response capability. These agreements allow DEC to dispatch these teams outside their local jurisdiction to any location in the state to respond to a HAZMAT release. These teams respond at the direction of DEC, as part of a state team.

This project will provide funding for equipment, preparedness, and training costs for the HAZMAT Teams in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez and Southeast Alaska, augmenting their capability to allow response outside the service areas of their

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normal jurisdictions and providing expanded statewide coverage. Funding may also be used to provide on-site, non-regulatory technical assistance visits; ammonia and chlorine response training; and exercises at communities which face the risk of a life-threatening chemical release.

Cooperative and successful HAZMAT projects and training exercises have been held in Petersburg, Kodiak, Unalaska, Bristol Bay, Healy, Nenana, and Whittier.