

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Steese Area Volunteer Fire Dept, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0118544****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Steese Area Volunteer Fire Dept, Inc. - Oil/Water Separator Install and Contaminated Soil Removal at Steese VFD Station 62

**State Funding Requested: \$250,000****House District: Fairbanks Areawide (1-5)**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Install DEC approved Oil/Water Separator; remove contaminated floor drain soil from leach field.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$289,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$39,000)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$250,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:*

*\$39,000 has been encumbered by the Fairbanks North Starr Borough for Design and Cost Plans to install a new DEC approved Floor Drain Oil/Water Separator and install a holding tank to capture drain water.*

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

We were notified in 2013 by the State DEC office that our station floor drains were identified as a "Class 5 Injection Well" and did not meet current state and federal regulations and will need to be shut down. We were given verbal approval to continue using them for a short duration as long as we actively pursued a new oil/water separator and storage tank to collect all floor drain water. We also had to assure DEC that we did not perform maintenance of apparatus where oils and solvents were being used. The Fairbanks North Star Borough has selected a local design company who is currently designing the new system that includes plans to remove contaminated soil from the old floor drain leach pit and install a containment tank.

The new system will meet or exceed federal and state regulations that govern the use of floor drains in commercial buildings. Once the new oil/water separator containment system is in place we would be eligible to install a drill water well for domestic purposes per our conditional use permit. This would eliminate the need in using fire apparatus to haul water for domestic use and keep it service for emergency responses.

**Project Timeline:**

Project is scheduled to take place in FY15 and completed by June 2015.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Steese Area Volunteer Fire Department

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No