

Alaska Spill Response Depots and Corps System

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Project Type: Health and Safety
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide funds to maintain readiness and response capabilities in local communities through the purchase of response equipment and delivery of training to local responders. The project will also provide funds to develop specific geographic response strategies and tactics for the protection of critical environmentally sensitive areas of the State and areas of public concern. Wherever possible, matching funds for these projects will be sought from local communities, other government agencies, and other parties.

Funding:	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	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 type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" 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:

The previous CIP entitled "Hazmat Response Capabilities for Local Government" has received prior appropriations of 500.0 in FY 1998; 300.0 in FY 1999; 200.0 in FY 2001; and 500.0 in FY 2002.

Other related CIPs have received prior appropriations as follows: "Local Community Response Training and Equipment" - 400.0 in FY 1995; "Local Response Agreements - Equipment, Training and Preparedness" - 200.0 in FY 1998 and 500.0 in FY 1999.

Project Description/Justification:

The Alaska Spill Response Depots and Corps System is a comprehensive program to expand oil and hazardous materials response capabilities and readiness to local communities. To date, DEC has negotiated 37 spill response agreements with boroughs and communities across the state. The agreements provide a mechanism for DEC to reimburse communities for their costs for responding to a spill when the responsible party or contractors are not immediately available. DEC has positioned equipment depots throughout the state to ensure equipment is available to local communities and responsible parties to immediately respond to a spill without waiting for outside resources to arrive. DEC provides money and training to the communities to safely and effectively use spill response equipment in the depots. Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) are site-specific response plans prepared in advance and used by spill responders to control spills and protect locally identified sensitive areas in a quick and effective manner.

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Local Community Response (\$200.0): Funding will be used to pre-position and maintain equipment depots throughout the state and provide training to local responders in the use of pre-planned response strategies to immediately and safely respond to spills under the Department's local response agreements. In order to establish and maintain an effective statewide spill response corps and depot system, local community responders will be provided with ongoing training to maintain their proficiency, as well as response equipment (both initial supplies and replenishment) to properly contain and recover spilled product. This project will provide critical funding to maintain an immediate response capability throughout the State through improved partnerships with local communities.

Geographic Response Strategies (\$100.0): Funds will also be used to develop Geographic Response Strategies (GRSs) for environmentally sensitive areas and areas of public concern in the Aleutians, Western Alaska, and other parts of the State. Work groups consisting of contingency plan holders, trustee agencies, and DEC will draft these GRSs, which provide pre-approved spill response tactics, significantly enhancing the ability of the State and local responders to quickly mobilize and protect areas of concern. This project will include submittal of the GRSs for public review, field deployments to ground-truth the tactics proposed, and subsequent incorporation of the final products into the appropriate Federal/State subarea contingency plans for oil and hazardous substance response.