

Hazardous Site Cleanups

FY2010 Request: \$750,000
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Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2013

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

The Department of Fish and Game has identified several sites across the state that are known, or suspected of having hazardous substances contained at the location. This project provides funds to contract for hazardous substances/contamination site assessments and cleanup designs, and (pending funding) follow up with the actual site cleanup contracts. The funds would be approximately allocated as follows: Glennallen \$250,000, Kodiak \$250,000, and other smaller ADF&G facilities across the state \$250,000.

Funding:	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$750,000						\$750,000
Total:	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

No prior funding history.

Project Description/Justification:

These projects include asbestos abatement and disposal, lead paint removal, and oil/antifreeze/fuel spill assessments and cleanup. The actual extent of contamination at each site is unknown without further assessment. Due to the anticipated size and nature of these projects, funding is required to contract for the initial site inspections/assessments, to develop approved cleanup plans, and to contract for the ultimate cleanup at the sites.

- **Glennallen:** The department acquired a large metal storage building in Glennallen from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities many years ago. This facility was initially used as a highway maintenance shop and subsequently for secure boat and gear storage by ADF&G. The building itself contains friable asbestos in the heating pipe joints and valve insulation, and possibly other components of the building as well. We are also fairly certain that the ground under the building is contaminated by oil and/or antifreeze from the days when it was a truck maintenance facility used by DOT/PF. The floor is a packed dirt floor with evidence of staining which is a pretty good indicator of such previous use. Additional investigation and assessment is necessary to accurately identify the extent of such contamination.

Additionally, the building continues to deteriorate, has been vacated and boarded up, and has no value to the department. As such, it is now considered an “attractive nuisance” and has routinely been broken into by unknown persons in the past. The site needs a formal assessment and cleanup and the building needs to be demolished before someone gets hurt or exposed to the known hazards. The liability to the State could be substantial if such an accident happened. The cost to abate the asbestos only, and demolish the building was estimated to be \$250,000 several years ago. The additional expense to clean up the ground contamination is unknown at this time.

- **Kodiak:** Many years ago the department was given (for free) two large wooden storage buildings on the Coast Guard base and adjacent to the airport area. The Coast Guard still retains ownership of the land. Initially, the department operated a small hatchery/weir structure at the site and the buildings were used extensively for many years. The conditional use that was granted to the State by the Coast Guard required that the Department demolish the buildings when they no longer had a use for the structures. Both structures are now vacated and are rotting and failing. Both structures are now considered “attractive nuisances” and to meet the requirements of the Coast Guard we are expected to demolish or remove the structures. However, the buildings are now considered to be “hazardous” because they were painted with lead paint and can’t just be torn down.

Previous talks with the Coast Guard led us to believe that they would assist with the actual clean-up and demolition of the buildings through one of their existing contractors, but we would be responsible to fund the costs associated with such a project. Costs for a full assessment, project design, and demolition of the buildings are unknown at this time. However, previous discussions with the Coast Guard indicated costs would likely be in the range of \$250,000.

- **Statewide:** The department has numerous sites around the state that may be contaminated to some degree, but no formal assessments or cataloguing has been done to date. Examples of such smaller projects would include things such as; identifying contamination and developing assessments/cleanup plans for small fuel tanks/heating oil tank sites, underground storage tanks, storage yards, and various field camps and facilities across the state. \$250,000 is estimated for these small jobs.