

**IIJA Section 40601 - Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission - Orphaned Well Site Plugging, Remediation, and Restoration**

**FY2023 Request: \$0**  
**Reference No: 64201**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction  
**Category:** General Government **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Location:** Statewide **Contact:** Micaela Fowler  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

These federal funds will allow for the plugging and abandonment of orphan wells on state and private lands in Alaska where no responsible operator can be determined. Funds can be used for planning, executing plugging contracts, surface remediation, and many other purposes. The bulk of the funds are designed to help put oil and gas workers back to work while also ensuring that orphan wells are properly taken care of and surface lands are restored.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>Total</b>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$32,341,000						\$32,341,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$32,341,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,341,000

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

<b>Operating &amp; Maintenance Costs:</b>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

IIJA Section 40601 "Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration"

**Project Description/Justification:**

The U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) has announced the amount of funding that states are eligible to apply for in Phase One, which includes up to \$25 million in Initial Grant funding and a quarter of the total Formula Grant money available (\$7.3 million). In total, including funds from subsequent years, DOI has indicated that Alaska is eligible for \$53,336,497.

These resources allow the State to begin building out the plugging program, remediating high-priority wells, and collecting additional data regarding the number of existing orphaned wells. Funds will primarily be used to execute plugging contract(s) and when appropriate, funds will be transferred to other agencies, including the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Natural Resources, for surveying, environmental restoration, and other purposes.