

State Agency Updates– Brownfields Program

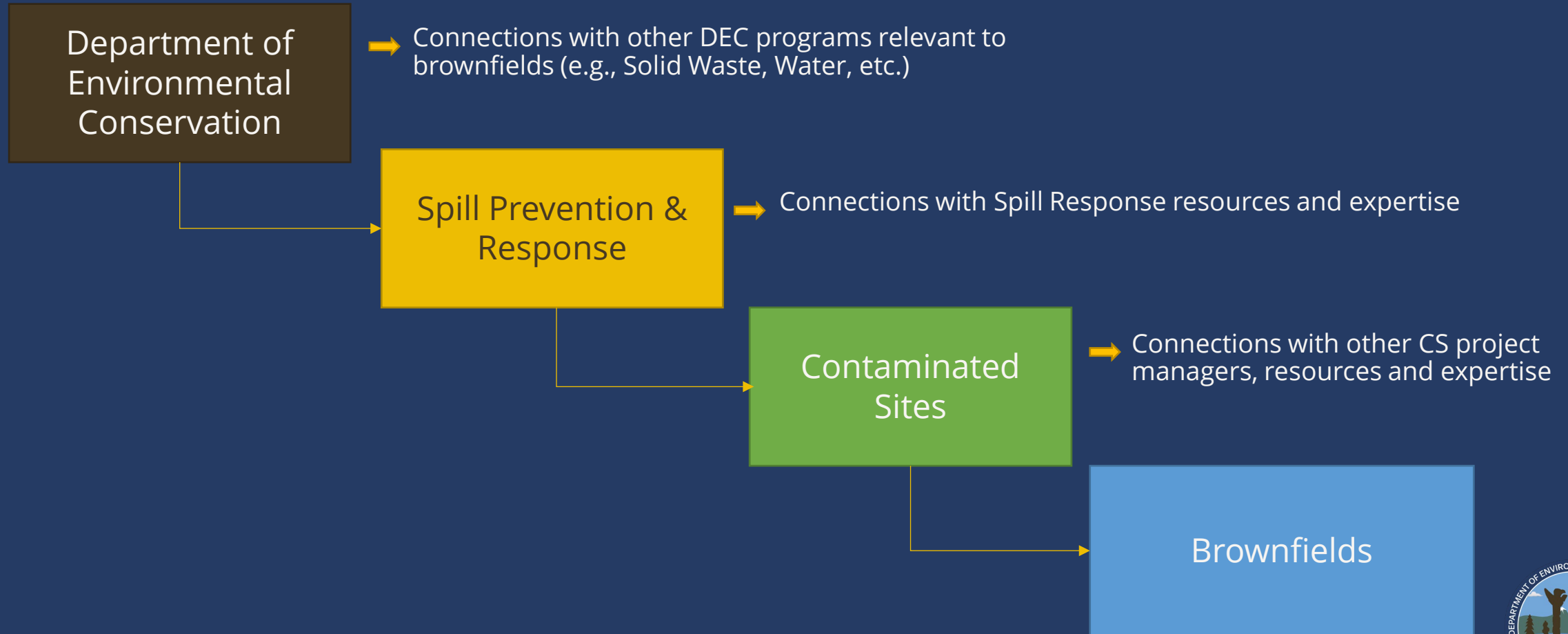
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How we fit into DEC (and why this matters)



What is a Brownfield?

- **Common definition:** abandoned industrial or commercial property that has real or suspected contamination, limiting its potential redevelopment.
- **Federal definition:** a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.



Why does this matter?

To be eligible to receive brownfield funding...

- ✓ Property needs to meet the federal definition
- ✓ Applicant needs to be an eligible entity (e.g., public, non-profits, regional development organization)
- ✓ Property needs to have a plan for reuse



What do we do?

- Provide **site-specific technical assistance** including assessment and cleanup services
- Assist Alaskan stakeholders **apply for grants**
- Provide **regulatory guidance**
- Provide and facilitate **community outreach, training, and resources**



DEC Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup (DBAC) Services

- Service, not a grant
- Projects range \$25K to \$125K
- Tribes are eligible!



DBAC
Application
Period
Open



Proposals
Evaluated
& Projects
Awarded



Projects
Funded &
Scoping



Workplans
Developed
&
Fieldwork
Conducted

- **DEC-led site-specific assessment and cleanup activities**
- **Services provided:**
 - Phase I / Phase II Assessments
 - Property Assessment and Cleanup Plans (PACPs)
 - Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs)
 - Hazardous Building Materials (HBM) Surveys
 - Site Remediation Planning and Cleanup Activities
- **Decreases administrative burden for Brownfield communities**
- **Site must meet EPA eligibility requirements**



Community-Wide Assessment Grant for States & Tribes (CWAGST)

- Not limited to DBAC application period – submit a site nomination form any time!



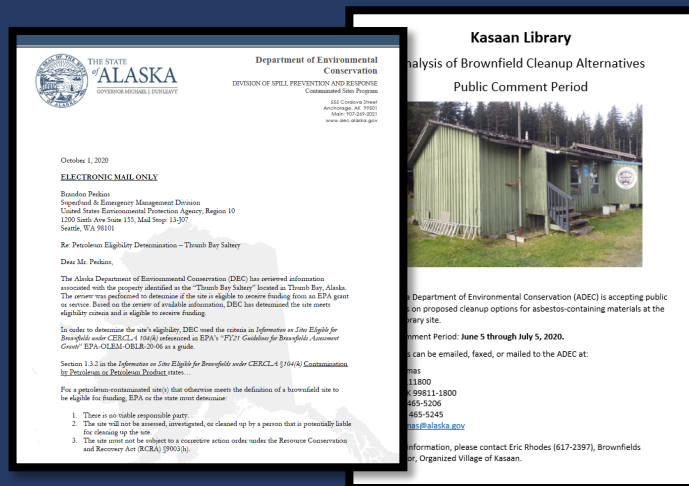
Scan this QR Code to get more information about DEC's CWAGST services or to submit a site nomination form

- **Similar to DBAC, but only for assessment and planning activities**
- **Cleanup is NOT an eligible activity**
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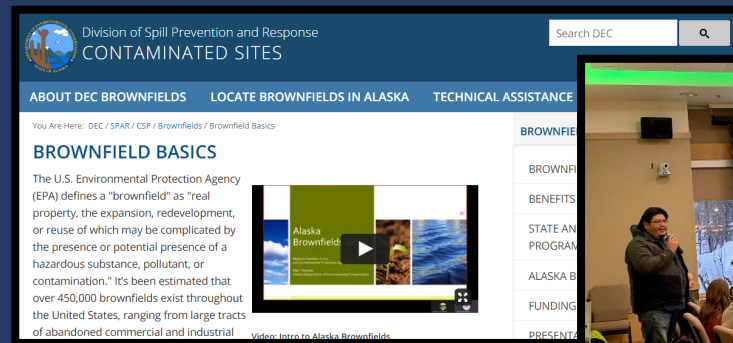
Technical Assistance and Support

- Site Eligibility Determinations
- EPA Brownfields Grant Applicant Acknowledgment Letters
- Workplan/Report reviews
- Connections to Other Resources
- Community-Specific Support
 - e.g., *STRP Technical Assistance Grants (TAG)*



Community Outreach, Education and Training

- Webinars, workshops, and related conferences
- Online
 - Presentation Archive
 - Funding Opportunities information
 - FAQ
 - CS Database
- Alaska Brownfields Handbook (2023) – 2026 updates coming soon!
- ❖ Ongoing website and document updates for ADA compliance



Other Funding Opportunities



Prevention, Preparedness, and Response's (PPR) Home Heating Oil Tank Reimbursement Program

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HOME HEATING OIL TANK GUIDANCE

Spills from residential heating oil tank systems and the resulting contamination are ongoing and widespread problems across Alaska.

The Prevention Preparedness and Response Program works with numerous property owners every year to cleanup spills caused by leaking or failed home heating oil tank systems. In addition to the negative impact to the environment, residential heating oil spills can be expensive for the property owner, both in terms of cleaning up the environment and also the value of the lost fuel. Property values may also be diminished in association with contamination that has not been addressed. By taking the preventative measures outlined on this page, property owners with residential fuel oil tank systems can greatly reduce the chances of having a heating oil spill.

Aside from possible state and local fire codes, Alaska does not have regulations that govern the installation or maintenance of heating oil tank systems. Homeowners are entirely responsible for the installation, maintenance and integrity of heating oil tanks, lines and fittings. Alaska does have statutes and regulations that govern releases from home heating oil tank systems.

HHOT RESPONSE FUNDING ***NEW***

- [HHOT Funding Application \(PDF\)](#)
- [HHOT Funding Flyer \(PDF\)](#)



Scan QR code to view PPR's
HHOT guidance webpage



Firefighting Substances Disposal Reimbursement Program

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FIREFIGHTING SUBSTANCES DISPOSAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

In 2024, the Alaska Legislature passed Senate Bill 67, now [Alaska Statute 46.03.135](#), to create the Firefighting Substances Disposal Reimbursement (FSDR) program. The Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Spill Prevention and Response (SPAR) is providing assistance to communities with the implementation of this program.

Firefighting substances known as [Aqueous Film-Forming Foam \(AFFF\)](#) contain per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS are a group of thousands of different chemical compounds, some of which are known to cause cancer and other health effects. One of DEC's main priorities with the FSDR program is to ensure that AFFF is disposed of according to state and federal law to prevent environmental contamination and protect public health.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

[Online Application](#)

OUTREACH EVENTS

[Online Presentation - January 30, 2025](#)

[Alaska Forum on the Environment](#)



Scan QR code to view FSDR program website

1. They live in a community that has a population of less than 2,000 people and is off the road system.
2. They live in Alaska and have received AFFF from a partially state-funded fire safety project, such as the Alaska Department of Public Safety's Project Code Red.

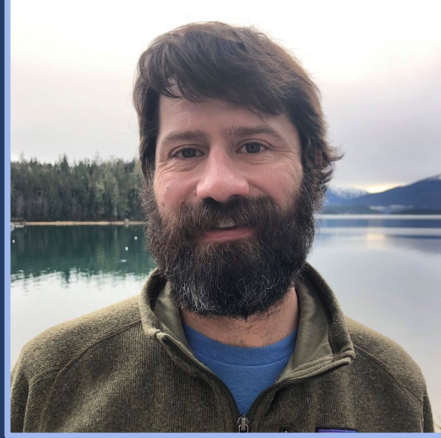


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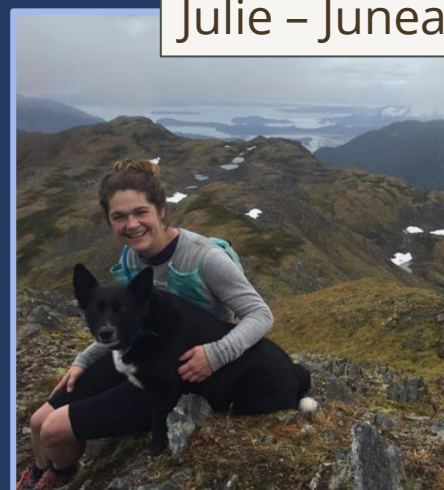
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