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## Public Service Announcement — Relocating Your Home's Fuel and Hazardous Materials During Erosion Events

As a result of the increased concerns of bank erosion, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is issuing the following recommendations for homeowners threatened by erosion.

Above ground tanks or other containers used to store fuel should be emptied and relocated to a safe location. If you have a buried fuel tank, remove fuel and block the vent and fill pipes to prevent water from seeping into the tank. If you have any questions on the integrity of your tank, fuel lines, tank stand, the fuel itself, or need help moving or returning the tank to service, please contact your fuel supplier.

In addition to fuel tanks, DEC recommends moving to a safe location all hazardous substances, including: car batteries, used oil, fuels, paints, varnishes, pesticides, household cleaning chemicals, etc.

If the flooding or erosion has caused a fuel, oil, or other hazardous substance spill, report it to DEC at:

| Area                      | Phone          |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Central (Anchorage)       | (907) 269-3063 |
| Northern (Fairbanks)      | (907) 451-2121 |
| Southeast (Juneau)        | (907) 465-5340 |
| After Hours (All Regions) | (800) 478-9300 |

For more information: <a href="http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/PPR/hho.htm">http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/PPR/hho.htm</a>

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