

DEC's Contaminated Sites Program, Reuse & Redevelopment

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Topics

2014 Overview

- Internal Elements
- Outreach and Coordination
- DBAC Projects

2015 Plans

- DBAC Projects
- Training
- Program Development Tasks

2014: Internal Elements

- Amy Dieffenbacher, brownfield specialist
Christy Howard, brownfield outreach specialist
Sally Schlichting, grant administrator
- Brownfield element exists within entire Contaminated Sites Program (CSP)
 - Brownfield sites and work assigned to project managers throughout CSP

2014: Outreach and Coordination

Outreach:

- Southeast Environmental Conference
- Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management
- Southeast Conference
- Alaska Municipal League

Coordination:

- DEC Contaminated Sites Database updated as of December 2014
- DEC Reuse & Redevelopment website – updates in progress!

2014: DBAC Projects

- Twelve applicants
- Types of assistance requested:
 - cleanup
 - assessment
 - housing development assistance

2015: DBAC Projects

- Nine applicants
- Types of assistance requested:
 - demolition/disposal
 - contaminant assessment/cleanup
 - structural evaluation

2015: Training

Basic Soil and Water Sampling (Two-day Course):

- Taught by a DEC term environmental contractors.
- Will cover: sampling techniques, sample quality assurance/quality control, etc.
- Course will include a presentation of DEC's Field Sampling Guidance document by DEC technical staff

Course Goals:

1. Enables rural Alaskans to become trained in basic sampling at sites and spills when expensive environmental consultants are unavailable.
2. Enables TRP staff to learn sampling for sites in their brownfield inventory.

2015: Program Development Tasks

- Outreach effort and engage with regional and village native corporations
 - They're eligible for EPA's competitive grants
 - Investigate partnerships between them, TRP's, villages, muni's
- Partnership with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)
 - Increased communication to remote Alaskans for educational outreach and technical assistance purposes
 - 2016 STRP Workshop: ADEC and ANTHC!
- Outreach and education effort to real estate and mortgage companies
 - Create list serve tailored to this group
 - How to use ADEC's Contaminated Sites Database
 - Site liability, site risks, reuse & redevelopment funding
 - Solicit input, keep them informed

Questions?

- Future training we should consider offering?
- Annual STRP Workshop time and location?
- How can DEC's brownfield staff can offer assistance?
- Other?

Thank you!