



# Homeowners & River Erosion



## DEC's Role in Erosion Situations:

1. DEC can assist in the assessment of erosion impacts and the determination of what needs to be done to address them.
2. DEC can assist homeowners by providing technical assistance on the removal of hazardous substances and other items that are threatened by erosion.
3. For an actual oil or hazardous substance spill, DEC will evaluate the impacts and cleanup options.
4. DEC does not have the statutory authority or funding to prevent personal possessions on private property from eroding into a river, or to recover those items after falling into the river.
5. DEC cannot assist in the cleanup of non-chemical products, such as trash, organic materials, or other general debris from private property.

**To report an oil or hazardous substance spill, contact DEC at:**

**Central Alaska, Anchorage  
(907) 269-3063**

**Northern Alaska, Fairbanks  
(907) 451-2121**

**Southeast Alaska, Juneau  
(907) 465-5340**

**After Hours Contact  
1-800-478-9300**



## DEC Recommendations for Homeowners Threatened by Erosion:

1. Move all hazardous substances to a safe location, such as:
  - a. Home heating fuel tank. (Your supplier may be able to assist)
    - i. If your tank is above ground, have the fuel pumped out and then move the tank.
    - ii. If your tank is buried, have the fuel pumped out.
  - b. Propane tank. (Your supplier may be able to assist)
  - c. Drums and other containers of liquid hazardous substances (used oil, fuels, paints, varnishes, yard pesticides, typical household cleaning chemicals, etc).
  - d. Car batteries.
2. Pump septic tank.
3. Remove as much debris and possessions as possible from the threatened area.