



# 2024 DEC Brownfields Program Highlights

In 2024, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation’s (DEC) Brownfields Program provided over 20 assessment, cleanup, and cleanup planning services as part of 16 projects in communities across the state. Recipients included 12 tribes/tribal organizations, 3 municipalities, and 1 state department. Projects included a Phase I environmental site assessment in Juneau as a necessary first step for transforming an old gravel pit into a future compositing/recycling center, as well as the site characterization of a burned down commercial building in St. Mary’s, which is planned to be reused as new tribal office space.

In Tok, a hazardous building materials (HBM) survey was performed at an old school, which confirmed petroleum contamination and hazardous building materials, and plans are underway for how to address it. While in Grayling, DEC awarded services to remove, treat, and dispose of waste liquids from two old underground storage tanks in partnership with ongoing site assessment efforts being conducted by the Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council.

## 2024 Projects

### Akiak Old Generator

Services Provided: Site Characterization (soil); HBM Survey  
Planned Reuse: Mixed community space (office space/storage)

### Bear Creek Gravel Pit

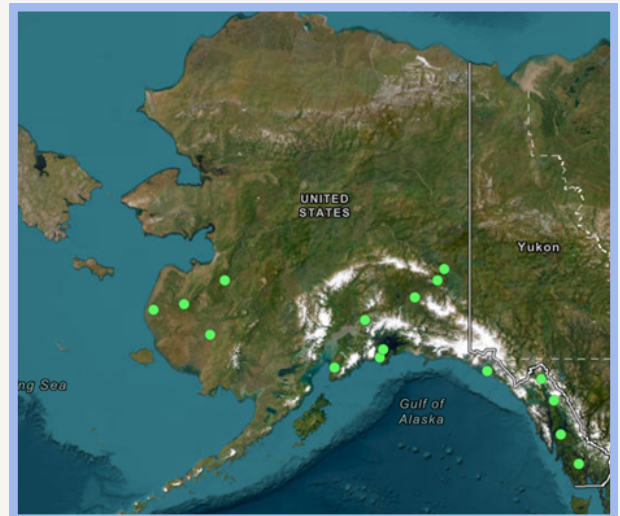
Services Provided: Site Characterization (soil); Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Subsistence and green space

### Eklutna Tailrace

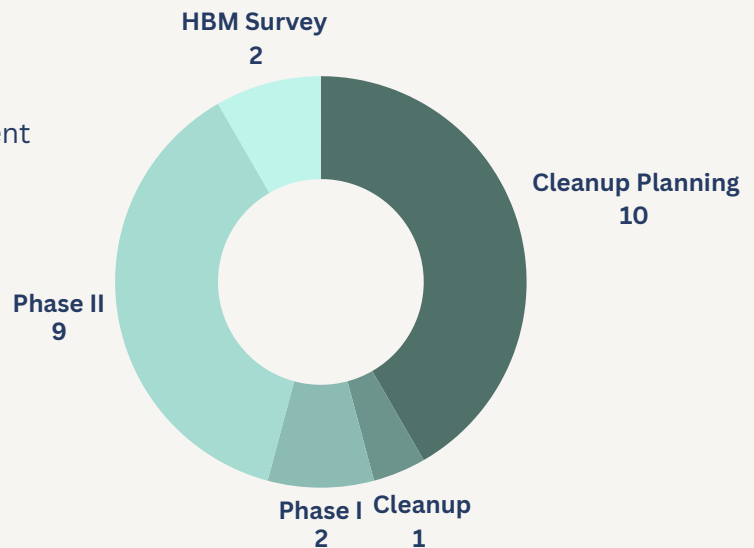
Services Provided: Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Public recreation

### Grayling Native Store

Services Provided: UST draining, treatment, and disposal  
Planned Reuse: Recreation area/storage



# of Services Provided in 2024 by Type



### Haines 34-Mile Stockpile

Services Provided: Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Public recreation

### Heinz Former Salvage Yard

Services Provided: Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Subsistence and green space

### Jumping Salmon Lodge

Services Provided: Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Youth Culture Camp



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**Homer Education and Recreation Complex (HERC) Buildings**

Services Provided: HBM Survey; Site Assessment; Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Community recreation center

**Scammon Bay - Former Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) School**

Services Provided: Site Assessment, HBM Survey  
Planned Reuse: Multi-use office building and shelter for women and children

**St. Elias Auto Center**

Services Provided: Phase I Assessment  
Planned Reuse: Office Space

**St. Mary's Old Yukon Traders**

Services Provided: Site Assessment, Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Tribal offices and hall

**Thorne Bay Old Fire Hall**

Services Provided: Site Assessment  
Planned Reuse: Public park

**Thumb Bay**

Services Provided: Site Assessment, Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Traditional subsistence use area; historical/cultural education center

**Keku Cannery**

Services Provided: Cleanup Planning  
Planned Reuse: Office space/educational center

**Lemon Creek Quarry**

Services Provided: Phase I Assessment  
Planned Reuse: Composting/recycling center

**Tok Old School**

Services Provided: Site Assessment, HBM Survey  
Planned Reuse: Multi-use facility/housing

# Outreach, Education, and Support

- Provided state regulatory oversight on five EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessments, including the Copper Center Old BIA School, Larsen Bay Old School, Hughes School and Tank Farm, Chevak Riverside Bluff, and Atka Old BIA School;
- Provided brownfields training as part of the Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (ATCEM);
- Organized in-person training on HBM contaminants and disposal issues for Alaskan Tribal Response Programs (TRPS);
- Co-hosted virtual training on Grant Writing Best Practices in partnership with the Center for Creative Land Recycling;
- Presented as part of Brownfields/ANCSA Roadshow in Bethel, Chefnak, and Tok, as well as participated in the Kawerak Environmental Summit and Gakona Youth Environmental Fair; and
- Conducted targeted outreach to Kawerak, Inc, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes, and the Association of Village Council Presidents, as well as the municipalities of Juneau, Wrangell, Kotzebue, Nome, Fairbanks, Yakutat, among others.



**Reach out to DEC Brownfields to learn how we can help in your community!**



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