

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.