

Contaminated Sites Program

CONTAMINATED ANCSA LANDS

Congress enacted the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) in 1971, transferring 44 million acres of land from the federal government, to Alaska Native Corporate ownership. Much of the land that were selected and conveyed to Alaska Native Village and Regional Corporations contained existing historical contamination.

CONTAMINATION



Soil, water, and air contamination can pose health concerns for Alaska Native communities, impact subsistence resources, and impair economic activity

CLEAN UP

There are over 1,200 contaminated sites across ANCSA lands that were contaminated before conveyance. These sites need to be identified, inventoried, and characterized. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)will assist with these efforts.



Contaminated ANCSA Sites Common Operating Picture; EPA, ESR

REQUREMENTS OF CONTAMINATED ANCSA LANDS

There may be Contaminated ANCSA Lands in your community if a site meets these statutory requirements:



Located on ANCSA conveyed land



Contaminated prior to conveyance



Confirmed to have contamination



Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

DEC ANGSA PROGRAM



The process of contaminated site cleanup can be complicated, expensive, and lengthy. In order to move Contaminated ANCSA Lands towards clean up, DEC is providing site discovery services to verify the requirements of Contaminated ANCSA Lands.

POTENTIAL SITE DISCOVERY SERVICES

- Soil sampling
- Water sampling
- Desktop research
- Site visits
- Historical research



COLLABORATION



DEC's Contaminated Sites Program is working collaboratively with the EPA, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), and Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) to assist Alaska Native Entities in addressing Contaminated ANCSA Lands.

INVENTORY

The EPA ANCSA Contaminated
Sites Common Operating Picture is a GISbased map interface that allows users to
explore Contaminated ANCSA Lands. Search
for sites in your community to view cleanup
and verification status. If a site in your
community needs to be added to the database
or requires verification, contact DEC.



Visit the ANCSA Contaminated Sites Common Operating Picture

Can we help in your community? Contact us!

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