

# What worries you most about ANCSA conveyed lands?

Contaminated sites not being cleaned up

Money to do anything is "always" offered as a Cooperative Agreement (CAG). Tribal capacity to access money is low. (process = time consuming + complex)

More deliberation, using funds for 'administrative' purposes, and no action

The federal government should clean up their own land.

Since the responsibility will fall on the tribe, will there be an EPA/TRP/DEC group that will assist in writing grant applications.

That people won't have time to identify or find sites.

Timeline, Getting resolutions done in my time with my Tribe/Corporation.

Prioritization of additional ESAs/database building will push actual cleanup actions of identified sites further out.

We have this great opportunity, but we may miss some sites.

# What questions about liability do you have?

**ANCSA lands were transferred to Tribal Corporations. Of course the best lands were not. So why are Tribes responsible for getting everything done when they aren't RPs?**



What qualifies? Can a list be created to prompt people? (Military, mines, armories, etc.)

How can DEC/EPA reduce liability fear.

Who has the burden of proof? Feds, Tribes, etc.?

Easement. What if BLM retained and easement and the easement had debris on it and more was put there over time.

Also, it is super lame that this falls on the people who didn't do the contamination.

# What would you like to learn more about?

**Grants, where to start, what is required.**

**How TRP Coordinators can work with Regional Corporations most effectively.**

**Is there a database or method through which program/project coordinators can see information from projects around the state that might help inform our actions?**

**What happens when release date can't be verified? How is uncertainty handled?**

**How do we add sites that are not identified?**

**How do we deal with sites added to Noatak but not in our jurisdiction? (DOD site)**

**Does lack of a verified release date prior to conveyance necessarily eliminate a site from the inventory?**

# Would you like to be kept up to date on?

**Grants and various funding opportunities**

**Progress of this program moving forward in AK.**

**New sites identified for consideration & status of their investigation**

**Additional focus on clean-up activities: Let's have a live list of active clean-up sites so we can see the work being done that is not just an inventory of the sites**

**Inventory and come up with one big inventory vs. BLM, EPA, etc.**

# How would you like to be kept up to date?

Examples:  
emails,  
e-newsletters,  
etc.

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One up-to-date,  
well-organized, clearly  
marked, user-friendly  
website that contains  
notes from previous  
meetings, current  
priorities, POCs, &  
links to appropriate  
maps/DBs. +emails

email and  
eNewsletter  
would be  
good





# What information would you like to see on the public side of the EPA database?

Which lands are under which corporation, contamination status, and progress along any kind of funding timeline

Would love to see a database on region 10 website that is comparable to DEC contaminated sites database.

100% transparency of any data changes. Example: 103 orphan sites --> 20, why the change?

Land ownership information.

Identify sites, who's ANCSA land.

Were they cleaned up and how?

Lat Long, site ID, site name, known contaminants, federal agency, efforts to date.

# How do you feel about the EPA appropriation plan?

I am generally skeptical of US Government and Tribal Government relations. I need to learn more about this plan to effectively comment.

**About time!**

Sounds exciting, first time I heard about it.

Haven't heard details really...but inventory of sites is great!

# What support do you feel you would need to pursue the EPA funding?

Literally another staff member. CAGs are what the EPA always goes with. Their templates can be 30 pages long. Time consuming, nit-picky, convoluted. ✓

Assistance in grant writing. We are completely grant funded, and it is next to impossible to keep up with our "base" grants that keep us operating while trying to obtain more \$

**Dedicated assistance**



# For future partnership group meetings (held at least quarterly), what month(s) is best for you?

**February,  
April,  
September,  
October.**

**January, April,  
July, October  
(mid-month)**

**January,  
April, July,  
October**

**Quarterly sounds  
good. However fall  
time is a busy  
season - subsistence  
(August/September)**

# What resources do you think you could offer in your community?

Examples: Heavy equipment, heavy equipment operators, HAZWOPER, etc.

**Heavy Equipment, 40-Hr HAZWOPER trained staff**

Some heavy office equipment, office space, in-kind match but probably no \$

**Networking; liaison to community**

# Do you have programs that you believe could assist in this work?

**Examples:  
Environmental  
Department,  
IGAP, TRP, etc.**

**We have an  
Environmental  
Dept., IGAP  
and TRP**

**TRP, IGAP because  
we're connected to  
Tribes and  
communities in our  
region; Kawerak or  
other regional  
consortia**

**Environmental  
Department &  
TRP; however  
our resources  
are stretched  
to capacity.**

**Environmental  
Department at  
Tribe/Corporation  
Resource Specialist**

Do you have staff that received environmental sampler training, but need three months of experience to meet DEC requirements?

Yes. Even trying to reach out to sampling companies results in no response.

Yes, but need to meet ADEC regs. need refresher or new sampler training.

What does this have to do w/ ANCSA.

No, but training should be easy to attain + universal.

Yes, no where or hard to follow up for field experience.

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