

ANCSA Partnership Group Public Meeting

July 12, 2023



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Agenda

- Introductions/Housekeeping
- Review of the March 22, 2023 meeting and community feedback exercise
- Presentations
 - EPA Contaminated ANCSA Lands Program update
 - ADEC ANCSA update
 - ANTHC update on Work Plan tasks, ANTHC's ANCSA website, and technical assistance services



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Agenda

- Review of the ANCSA Partnership Group Charter
- Community Feedback Exercises
- Future Partnership Group meetings
- Question and Answer session



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Introductions

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)

ANCSA Contaminated Lands contact:

Lisa Griswold



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Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)

ANCSA Contaminated Lands contact:
Nick Waldo



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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ANCSA Contaminated Lands contact:
Tami Fordham



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Housekeeping

- 1) Silence cell phones
- 2) Avoid side conversations/please mute yourself on Zoom
- 3) Listen with an open mind
- 4) For questions:
 - Q&A at the end of the session
 - Online:
 - Send questions through Zoom chat
 - *can send a direct message to Bailey
 - In-person:

Questions asked in person will be repeated for virtual attendees *contact Lisa Griswold via email:
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Last ANCSA PG meeting

- 1) March 22, 2023 at the Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (ATCEM)

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNZSwLrWAO>

1) Covered:

- 1) ANCSA Partnership Group Background
- 2) EPA's new funding program
- 3) DEC's Work
- 4) ANTHC's current and future work
- 5) Community Feedback Exercise
- 6) Question and Answer Session



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Community Feedback Exercise

Results: https://www.anthc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023.03.22-ANCSA_PGMeeting_Jamboard.pdf

Twelve Questions

- 1) What Concerns you the most about ANCSA Conveyed Lands?
- 2) What Questions about liability do you have?
- 3) What would you like to learn more about?
- 4) What would you like to be kept up to date on?
- 5) How would you like to be kept up to date?
- 6) What information would you like to see on the public side of the EPA database?
- 7) How do you feel about EPA's appropriations plan?



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Community Feedback Exercise

- 8) What Support do you feel you would need to pursue the EPA funding?
- 9) For Future Partnership Group Meetings (held at least quarterly) what months are best for you?
- 10) What resources do you think you could offer in your community?
- 11) Do you have programs that you believe could assist in this work?
- 12) Do you have staff that received environmental sampler training, but need three months of experience to meet DEC requirements?



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Community Feedback Exercise

Common Themes:

- Frustration/skepticism
- Concern about limited capacity within communities
- Concerns about sites not moving forward
- Uncertainty about spill dates/liability issues
- Technical Assistance Needs
- Desire for transparency



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EPA Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program

JULY ANCSA PARTNERSHIP GROUP UPDATE



What is the EPA Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program?

FY23 Omnibus:

\$20,000,000 for the inventory, verification, assessment, and remediation of ANCSA contaminated sites, as well as related community outreach and involvement.

EPA Region 10 issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov with guidance on developing Project Narratives and other required documents for EPA to fund projects that address contaminated ANCSA lands (May 4 2023)

CFDA: 66.965



INTRODUCTIONS

Program Objectives

Work cooperatively with federal and state government agencies, Alaska Native Corporations, Alaska Tribes and tribal organizations to investigate, assess, and cleanup contaminated sites.

To achieve this, we will:

- Issue Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Agreements
- Conduct outreach to understand priorities of Alaska Native Corporations and tribes
- Develop one consolidated contaminated ANCSA lands inventory/common operating picture.



GAP: Tribal Environmental Programs

- Capacity Building
- Community Engagement
- Technical Training & Certification

CERCLA (Superfund) Site Assessment Program

- Use of existing CERCLA programmatic funds to further program goals

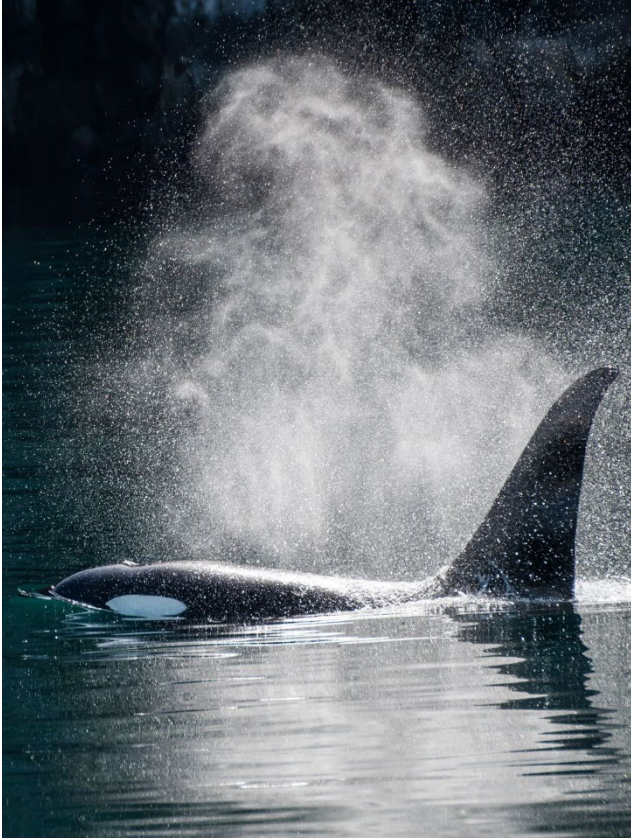
Brownfields:

- Tribal Response Programs
- ADEC Brownfields – update contaminated sites database, outreach to Alaska Native Regional and Village Corporations, conduct environmental assessments.
- ANTHC: ANCSA Contaminated Lands Partnership Group & two orphan sites
- Eklutna, Kawerak, Unalaska, Ahtna, CIRIR, Aleut Corporation, Ounalashka

Leverage Existing EPA Resources

EPA Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program





FY23 Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Agreement Objectives

Site Assessment

Initial cleanup activities at contaminated sites

- Associated planning and community involvement activities

Eligible Entities

- Alaska Native Corporations: Village and Regional
- Federally-recognized tribal governments in Alaska
- Alaska Native Non-Profits Organizations
- Inter-tribal consortium (comprised of Alaskan tribal entities)
- Alaska Native Non-Profit Associations



Eligible Uses of Funding

- Conducting Site Assessments and Related Activities
- Conducting Initial Cleanup Activities
- Other Eligible Activities:
 - Compiling Environmental Information,
 - Conducting Community Engagement,
 - Managing the Cooperative Agreement,
 - Travel to/from the Site



Cooperative Agreements

The funding for the Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program will be in the form of cooperative agreements.

EPA awards cooperative agreements for projects in which it expects to have "substantial involvement" with the recipient throughout the performance of the project.

"Substantial involvement" includes activities such as:

- Monitoring performance to verify results;
- Collaborating during performance of the scope of work;
- Approving qualifications of key personnel; and
- Reviewing and commenting on reports prepared under the cooperative agreement.

FY23 ANCSA Initial Funding Requests

Applicants Summary

FY23 Applicants

Geographic Locations of Applicants

Native Entity

of Applications

Project Type

★ • Aleut Corporation <i>Regional Corp.</i>	1	Cleanup
★ • Ounalashksa Corporation <i>Village Corp.</i>	2	Cleanup
★ • Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation <i>Village Corp.</i>	2	(2) Assessment (1) Cleanup
★ • Tyonek Corporation <i>Village Corp.</i>	1	Cleanup
★ • Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council <i>Consortia</i>	1	Cleanup



App #	Funding	Total Requested
1	Regional	\$1.3M
5	Village	\$3.8M
1	Consortia	\$500,000
7	Total	\$5.5M

Initial Activities Proposed

Iniskin Peninsula Drum Site (inventory, characterization, and decommissioning of drums and surface materials)

Naval Arctic Research Lab: Asbestos in buildings (cleanup); Powerhouse Fuel Spill (assessment)

Tanana Community Hall (address contaminated soil)

Adak Island: Public Works Building T1470 Monofill Site (Asbestos)

Unalaska: Strawberry Hill Landfill – Demolition Debris with asbestos containing materials and elevated metals.

Unalaska: Dutch Harbor – Warehouse WWII – PCB's

FY23 ANCSA Initial Funding Requests

Applicants Summary

FY23 Applicants Status

FY23 Initial “Shovel Ready”

Regional Corporation

- Aleut – 1 application | **Not currently on inventory**

Village Corporation(s)

- ✓ Tyonek – 1 application | **Shovel Ready**
- Ounalashka (OC) – 2 applications
 - ✓ WWII Building | – **Shovel Ready**
 - Strawberry Landfill - \$985K | **Pending**
- Ukpeagvik Iñupiat (UIC): 2 applications
 - ✓ Wastewater/Power Plant fuel spill – **Shovel Ready**
 - Building asbestos removal | **Pending**

Tribal Consortia

- Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council – 1 | **Pending**

Ukpeagvik Iñupiat Village Corp.

- Initial project: **1 of 2**
- Funding Request: **\$578,345**
- Est Completion: **12 Mo. of award**
- Project Scope: **Assessment**
- Contaminant(s): **Fuel Spill/Asbestos**

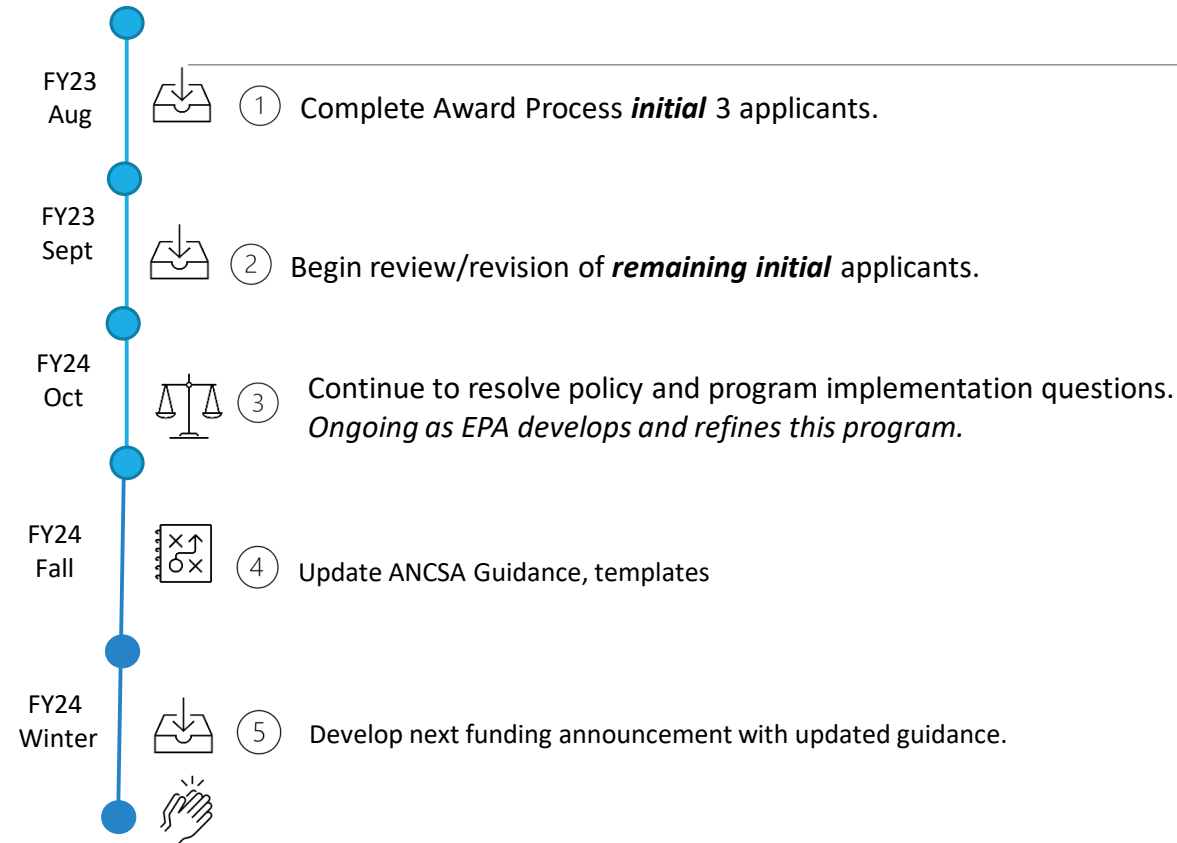
Tyonek Village Corp.

- Project(s) Selected: **1 of 1**
- Funding Request: **\$1M**
- Est Completion: **By October 2023**
- Project Scope: **Drum cleanup/removal**
- Contaminant(s): **Haz w/Comingled Pet.**

Ounalashka Village Corp.

- Project(s) selected: **1 of 2**
- Funding Request: **\$1M**
- Est Completion: **End of 2023**
- Project Scope: **Cleanup**
- Contaminant(s): **PCBs**

Next Steps and Projected Time Frames



Verification, Inventory, & Tribal Capacity

FY23 ANCSA Congressionally Directed Spending

\$7M: State of Alaska for Inventory
and Verification of ANCSA
Contaminated Sites

\$250K: ANTHC for Tribal Capacity
for Inventory and Verification of
ANCSA Contaminated Lands

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for Inventory and Verification of
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Contaminated ANCSA Lands Inventory: Common Operating Picture

EPA was tasked by Congress to develop and maintain an inventory of lands that were contaminated at the time of ANCSA conveyance.

EPA utilized the 2019 BLM inventory as “EPA’s Interim Inventory” for FY23 grants proposals.

Beginning in September 2023, EPA will house the enhanced inventory within a Common Operating Picture universally accessible on the web.

What is a Common Operating Picture?

Interactive GIS and web-based viewer

Provides situational awareness & facilitates operational decision-making

Supports public communication

A platform that brings together various types of information/data through geographical and interactive applications to ensure a common understanding of a complex situation.

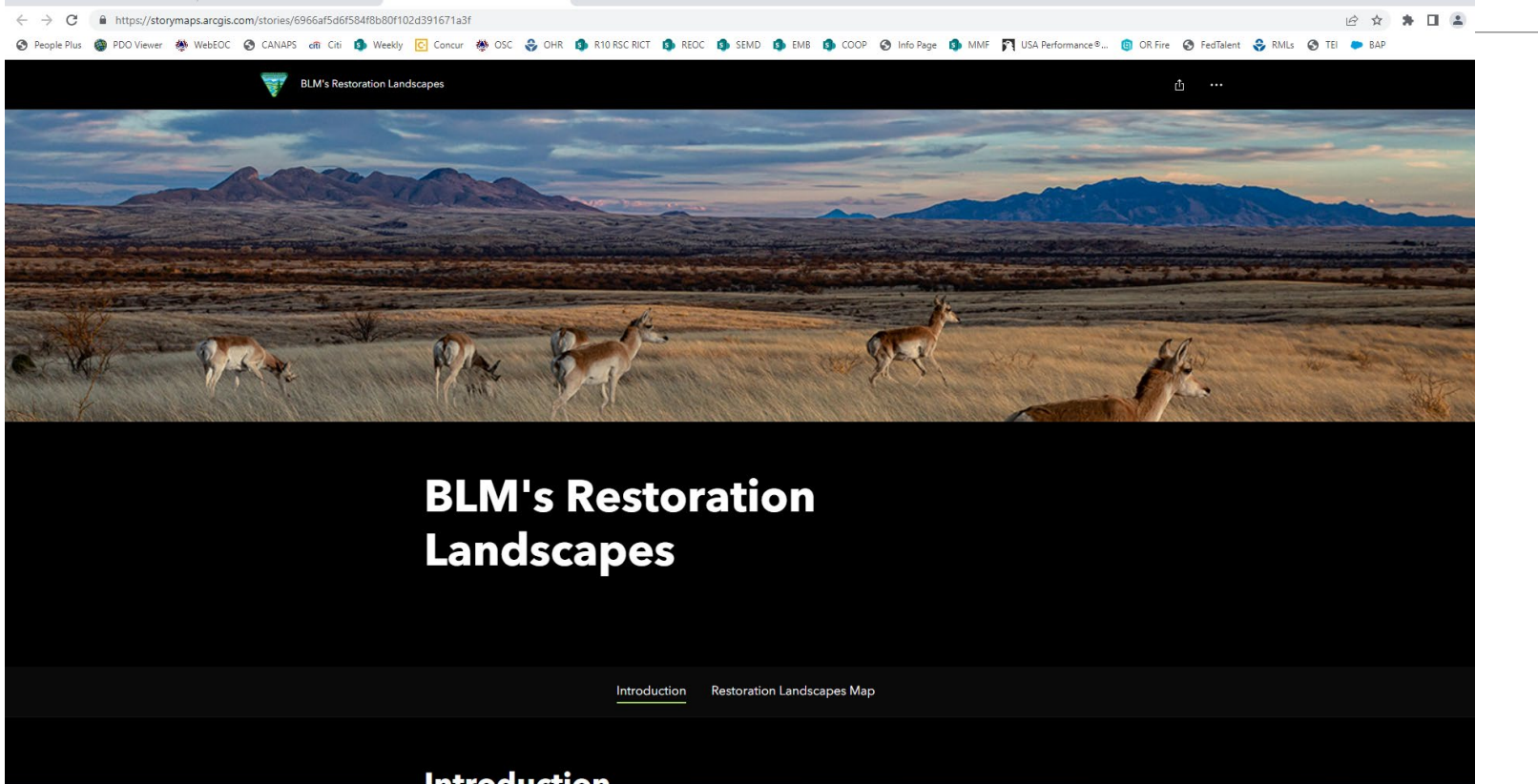
Contaminated ANCSA Sites Common Operating Picture Components:

ArcGIS StoryMap – graphical interface that provides background and other project/site information through pictures, videos, simplified maps and text; will include an embedded application to nominate new sites for inclusion in the contaminated ANCSA sites inventory; portal for public and stakeholder use

ArcGIS Mapping Application – GIS-based mapping application which stores and displays detailed site-related information in zoomable maps, tables and/or links; sites included in the ArcGIS mapping platform are the “site inventory”


Dashboard – aggregated visual representations of data elements to help understand or report on bigger picture such as EPA grant eligibility status, # of sites in various cleanup programs, site assessment or cleanup status, etc.





BLM Story Map Example




<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/6966af5d6f584f8b80f102d391671a3f>

EPA Story Map Example

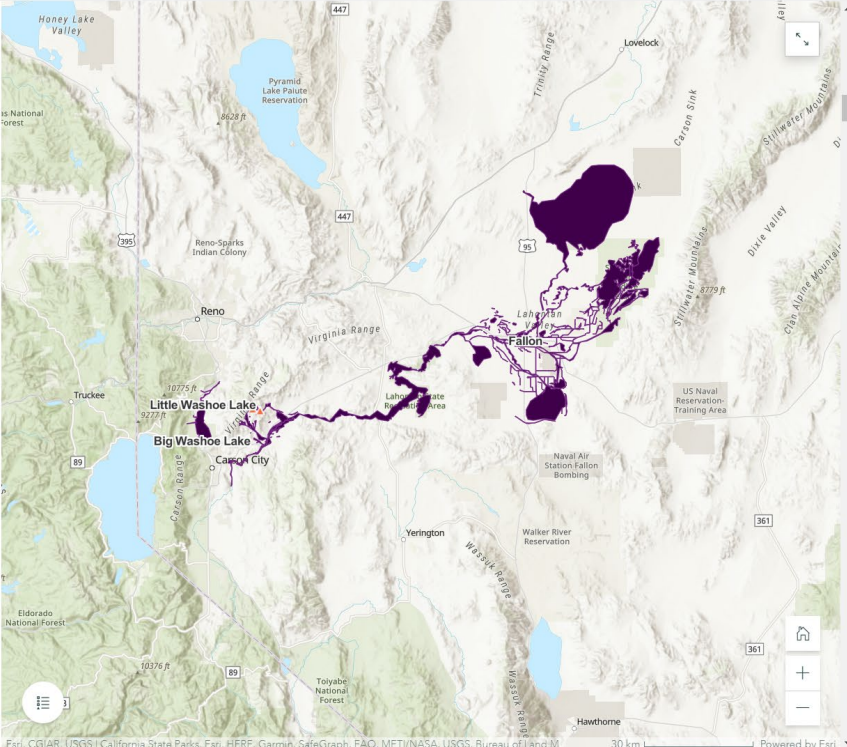
**EPA** Carson River Mercury Superfund Site



Site OverviewAddress Lookup ToolCase StudiesMap ExplorerAdditional Resources



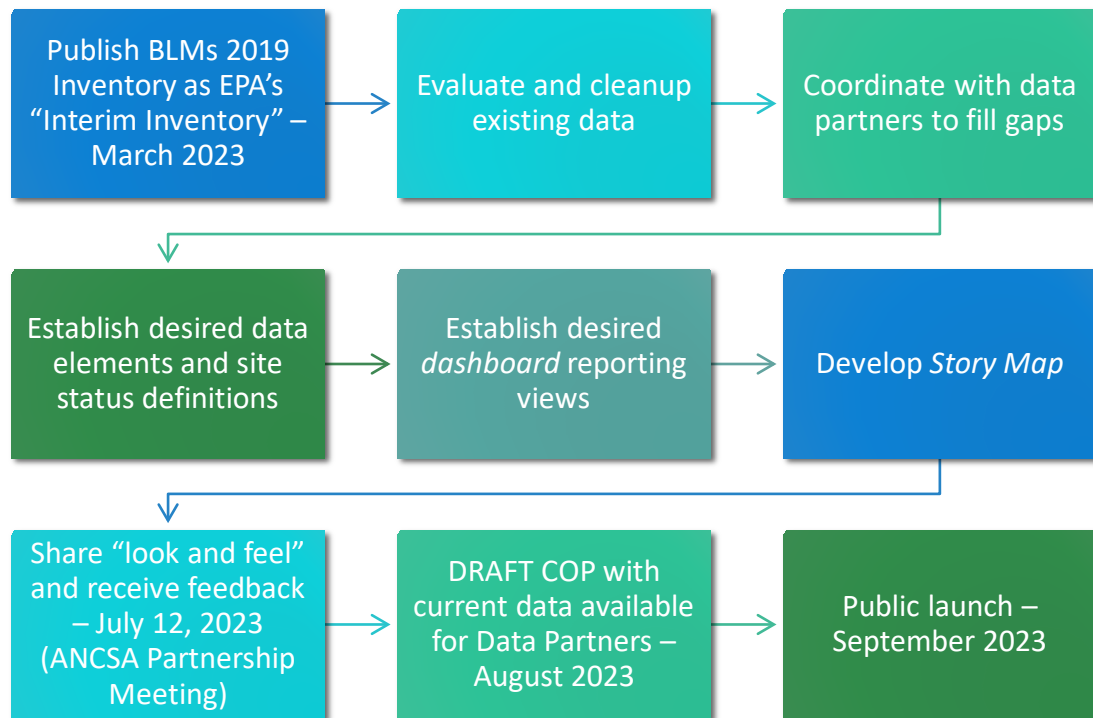
Empire State Mill, Six Mile Canyon. See the orange triangles on the map for the location of this and the California Pan Mill. Photo courtesy of the California History Room, California State Library, Sacramento, California.



Map of the Carson River Mercury Superfund Site area, showing the Carson River, various lakes (Honey Lake, Pyramid Lake, Little Washoe Lake, Big Washoe Lake), and surrounding towns (Reno, Carson City, Fallon, Lovelock). The map highlights the site area in purple and shows the locations of the Empire State Mill and California Pan Mill with orange triangles.

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Common Operating Picture Development Process



Common Operating Picture: Challenges

2019 BLM data is not complete and likely includes many duplicates

Data does not include past evaluations on sites deemed ineligible or no action needed

Reconciling different eligibility requirements and processes among clean-up programs

Establishing trust with Alaska Native entities to establish full inventory of sites

Harmonizing site status definitions across various cleanup program

Prioritization of site verification work

Ensuring as close to real-time data as possible

Agencies and grant applicants may define scope and scale of sites differently

Making the Site Data More Detailed and Accessible

Enhanced and consistent site status categories across all cleanup programs

Additional site-specific data fields

Visual site trackers

Regular updates

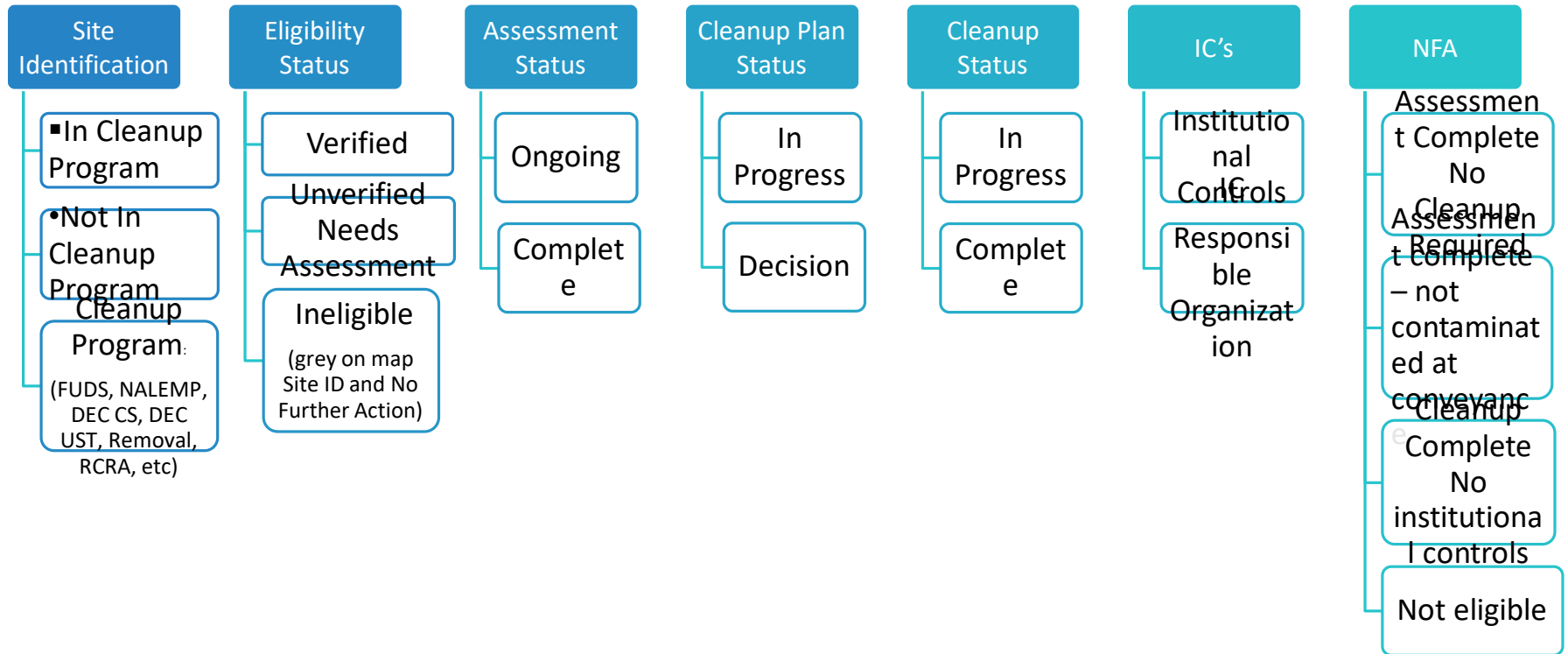
Ability to propose “New Sites”

Ability to query data to generate reports

Filtering capabilities based on Regional Native Corporation geographic boundaries

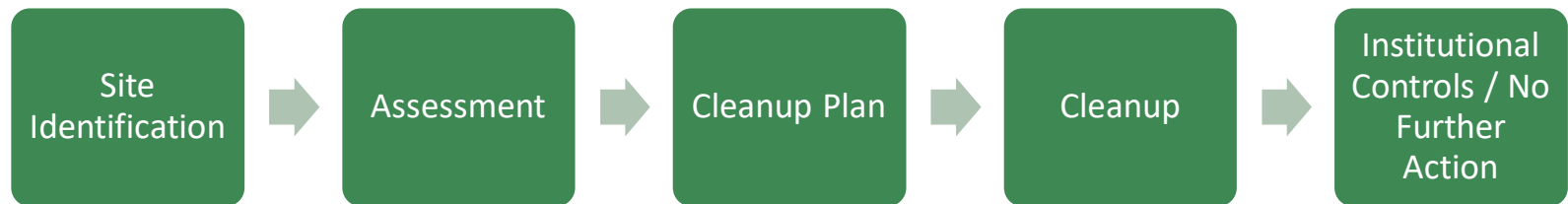
Low and high-speed accessibility

Updated Site Status Categories



Visual Site Tracker

Eligible Sites: Clean Up Complete



Visual Site Tracker : Eligibility Status



ANCSA Contaminated Sites Inventory

Main Viewer

Dashboard

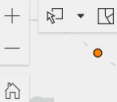
All DEC Sites

ANCSA to FUDS Lookup

BLM Lookup

Related Sites

ANCSA Map Viewer



Legend

BLMInventory Sites

- Conveyed - Cleanup Complete
- Conveyed - Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
- Conveyed - In Cleanup Program
- Conveyed - Informational
- Conveyed - Orphan
- <all other values>

Zoom to

BLMInventory Sites: Beaver Creek Sterling
Field P43-9

Action Details	Reported contamination is post conveyance but it is not conclusive that contamination is only post-conveyance
Agency	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Agency ID	1838
Agency ID Type	
Alaska Native Regional Corporation Class Code	E7
Alaska Native Regional Corporation FIPS Code	17140
Alaska Native Regional Corporation National Standard Code	02418878
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Main Viewer

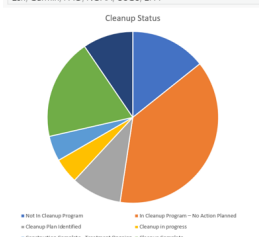
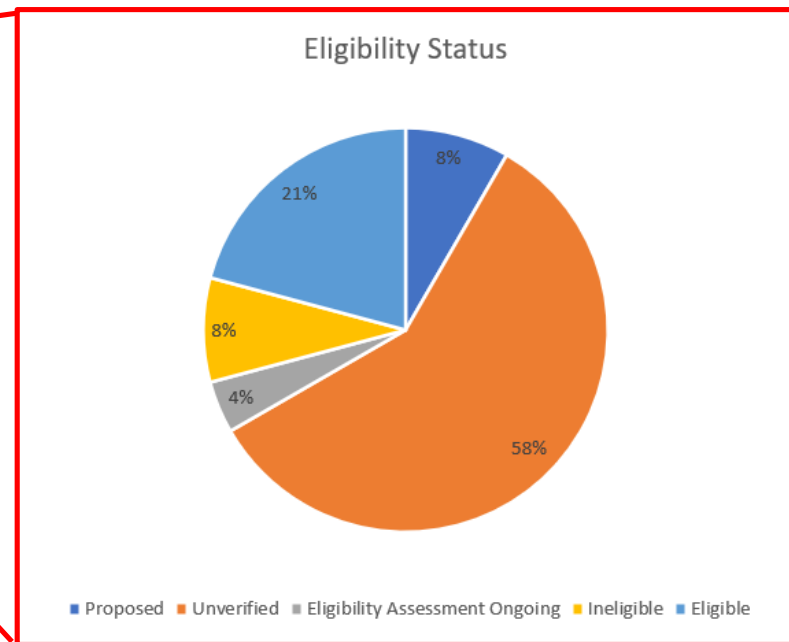
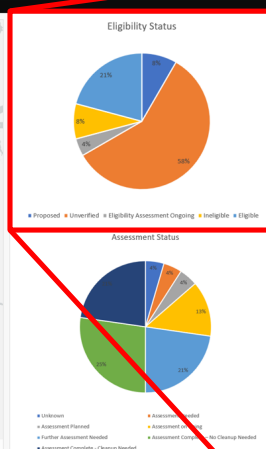
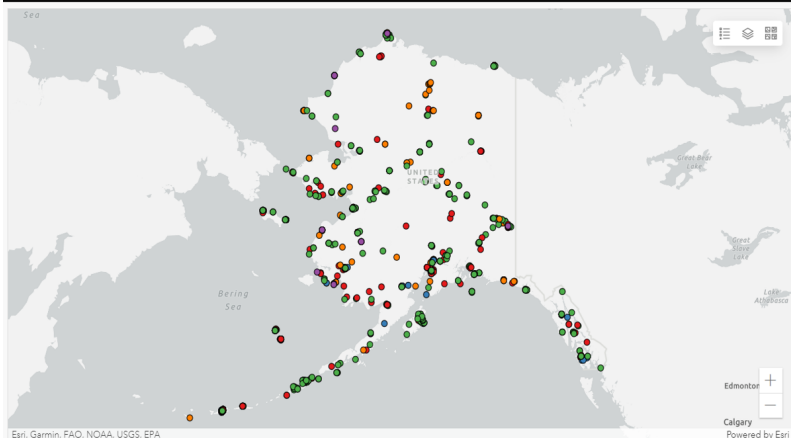
Dashboard

All DEC Sites

ANCSA to FUDS Lookup

BLM Lookup

Related Sites



Regional Corporation	BLM Status	Number of Sites
Ahtna	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	4
Aleut	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	18
Arctic Slope	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	9
Bering Straits	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	13
Bristol Bay	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	2
Calista	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	8
Chugach	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	2
Cook Inlet	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	10
Doyon	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	25
Koniag	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	11
Koniag	Conveyed - Orphan	1
NANA	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	2
Sealaska	Conveyed - In Cleanup Program	7

This is a layout for mock-up only. All Data in Pie charts was created as a demonstration only.

Table counts of sites in Regional Native Corporations is real.

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State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation ANCSA Contaminated Lands Update



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DEC Role with New Funding



Nick Waldo

Contaminated Sites Program
Division of Spill Prevention & Response



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DEC Role: Verification

- Appropriated \$7 million to verify site status
 - Is it contaminated?
 - Is it on ANCSA conveyed land?
 - Was it conveyed prior to transfer?
- DEC-led process
 - No formal application
 - Prioritization criteria in development
 - Land owner permission needed for site access
- Data to be incorporated into EPA inventory (Common Operating Picture)



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DEC Contact

- ▶ If you have an unverified site, we want to hear from you!
- ▶ Collaborating with ANTHC and EPA
- ▶ DEC Point of Contact:
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The Hadley Smelter site has hazardous levels of heavy metals in mine waste, but the mines themselves have never been investigated



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Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

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ANTHC's roles:

- Facilitator
- Educator
- Trainer
- Technical Assistance Provider



State and Federal Agency Involvement



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Alaska Native Constellation

- Alaska Native Tribes
- Alaska Native Village Corporations
- Alaska Native Regional Corporations
- ANCSA Regional Non-profits
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Organizations
- Alaska Native Non-profits
- Alaska Native Associations



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Possible Funding

- EPA Brownfields
 - EPA Competitive Grants
 - DEC Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup
 - Targeted Brownfield Assessment
- Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP)
- Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS)
- EPA Environmental Justice Grants
- EPA ANCSA Contaminated Land Program



Possible Assistance Providers

- EPA Brownfields
 - Kansas State University
 - Tribal Response Programs (including ANTHC)
 - Center for Creative Land Recycling
- EPA Environmental Justice
 - Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs)
- EPA ANCSA Contaminated Land Program
 - ANTHC





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ANTHC's Plans

128 (a) · Bipartisan Infrastructure Law · ANCSA Appropriation

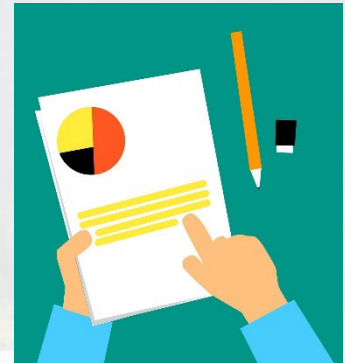
- Site Specific Work
- Education and Outreach
- Technical Assistance
- Tribal Capacity Building



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128 (a) · Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- Funds dedicated for assessment work on two ANCSA sites
- Likely limited to initial Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments
- Host meetings within communities about sites
- Some outreach and education to communities



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ANCSA Appropriation

Work Plan Sections

- Assist EPA to Build Sustainable Program
- Technical Assistance to Alaska Native Entities
- Tribal Capacity Building
- Outreach and Education



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Assist the EPA Develop Sustainable Program

- Document Site Process
- Identify roadblocks
- Cooperation with other 2023
Appropriation Grantees
- Coordination with other partners



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Technical Assistance

- Assist with site research
 - Site information will not be forwarded to EPA without approval
- Conduct site visits
- Provide trainings/webinars



Tribal Capacity Building

- Identify possible opportunities for TRP Coordinator participation
- Identify possible opportunities for IGAP Coordinator participation
- Identify possible opportunities for Qualified Sampler supervision



Education and Outreach

- Develop a comprehensive contact list
- Develop Factsheets
- Provide Updates on Funding Opportunities
- Community Travel
- Connecting with Corporations, Tribes, and Regional Consortia
- Facilitate communication between entities
- Quarterly ANCSA newsletter



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Community Feedback Exercise



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Proposed Partnership Group Quarterly Meeting Schedule*:

January

April

July

October



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Question & Answer



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