

Who You Will Hear From



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Curtis McQueen, ANVCA





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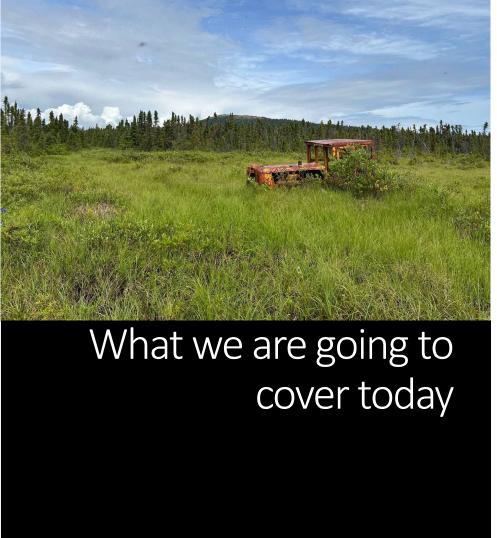




Lizzy Buckingham, ADEC

Jordan Finney, YRITWC









- Funding Background Curtis
- Program Overview Ken & Tami
- How a Site Moves Through the Program
 & Who you can reach out to Lizzy,
 Lisa, Curtis, Jeff & Mahri
- Experiences With the Program –
 Josh & Jordan

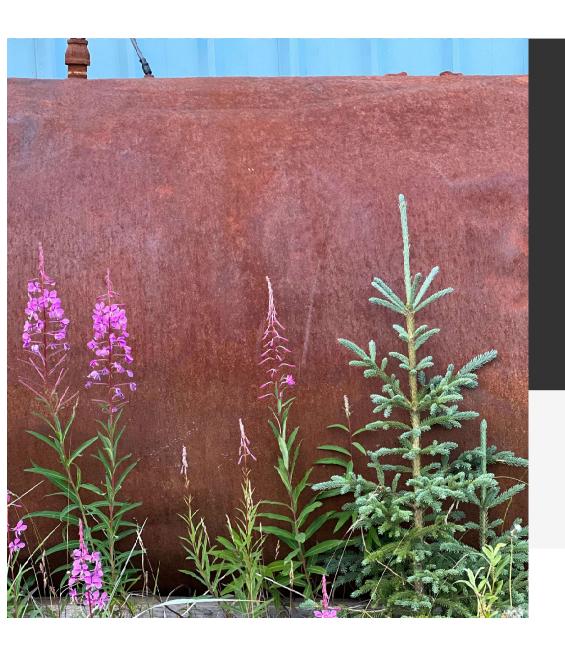


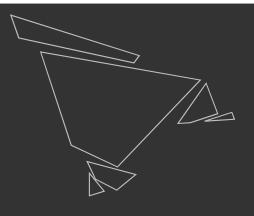












Funding Background & Overview

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Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

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Program Background





Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program

Purpose:

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act was enacted in 1971 to settle aboriginal claims to public lands through the conveyance of 46 million acres of land to Alaska Native regional and village corporations, and the transfer of one billion dollars from state and federal governments as compensation for remaining claims.

The conveyance process did not include screening for contaminated sites. Over 1,000 sites were identified by the BLM as being contaminated at the time of conveyance.

Congress appropriated funding for EPA to establish the Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program to assist Tribal entities in Alaska with addressing contamination on lands conveyed pursuant to ANCSA.

Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program

Grants Guidance Available!

Eligibility, requirements, and application process.

https://www.epa.gov/r10-tribal/contamination-ancsa-

conveyed-lands#grants



- CONTAMINATED ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT LANDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

 DECEMBER 2024

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- ✓ Non-competitive funding for site assessment, clean up, and community engagement.
- ✓ Rolling requests accepted from Alaska Native Corporations, federally recognized Tribes, Tribal Consortia, non-profit organizations or associations.

- ✓ Up to \$3M per project for 5-year project period.
- ✓ No matching funds required.
- ✓ Multiple projects may be requested per applicant.
- ✓ Lands conveyed pursuant to ANCSA contaminated with oil or hazardous substances and pollutants as defined by CERCLA.
- ✓ Sites must be on EPA's <u>Contaminated ANCSA</u> <u>Sites Inventory.</u>
- ✓ Applicant owns the land or has access agreement with owner.

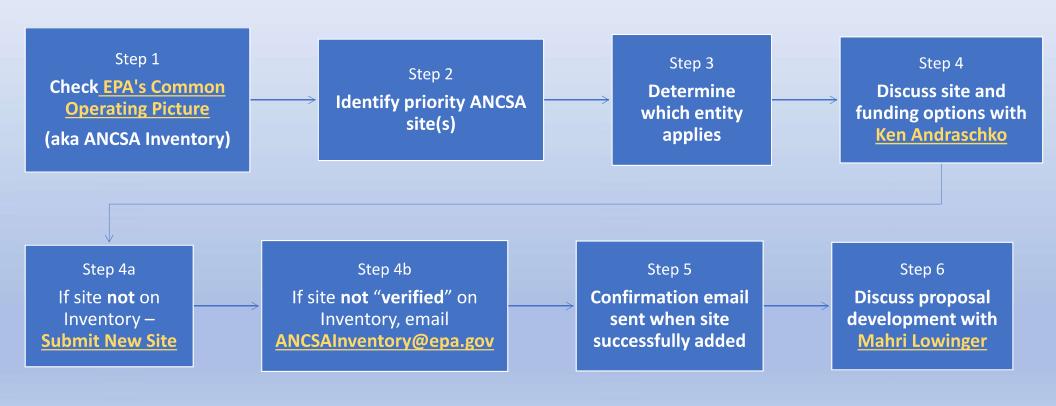
ANCSA Project Locations

Cooperative Agreement Awardees

- 1. Ounalashka Corp. (OC) WWII PCB Cleanup
- 2. Tyonek Corp. (TNC) Initial Drum Removal
- 3. Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (UIC) Asbestos/GW Assessment
- 4. Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council Cleanup
- 5. Aleut Corp. Asbestos monofil Cap Cleanup



EPA's Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Funding Process





Ideas!

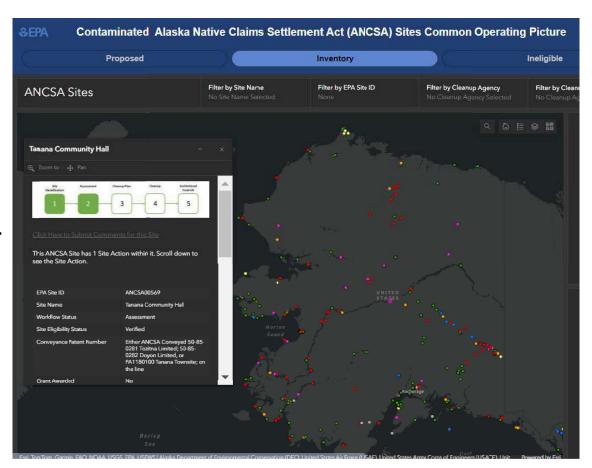
- ✓ Determine site priorities based on Tribal/community values (i.e. public health, environmental, subsistence, etc.)
- ✓ Talk with community about sites (governing entities, Tribal Council, environmental staff, village corp etc)
- ✓ ID funding options network with funders



- Zoom in on the map to your community.
- Colored dots indicate known sites and status.
- Click on the dots for a pop-up box to reveal site details.

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Step 4a

If site **not** on

Inventory –

Submit New Site



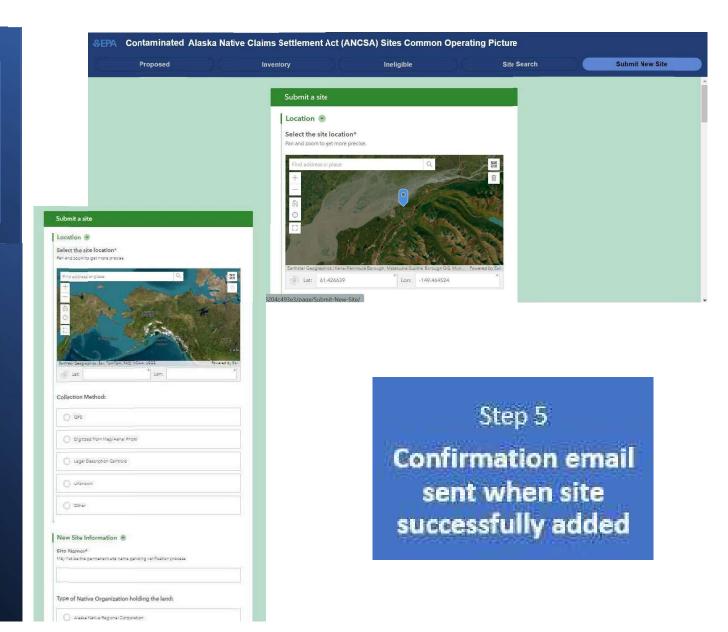




Step 4b

If site **not "verified"** on
Inventory, email
ANCSAInventory@epa.gov

EPA and DEC may be in touch about site history - or request a site visit for verification



Important Links

EPA Common Operating Picture (Inventory)

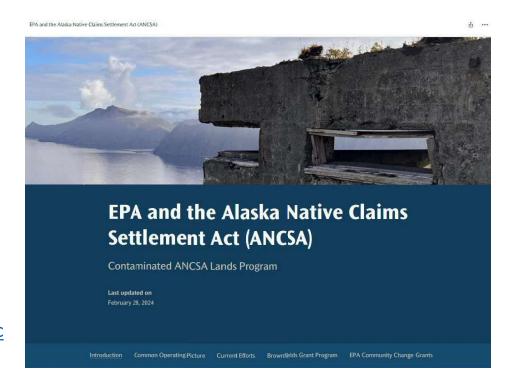
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EPA ANCSA Grant Resources

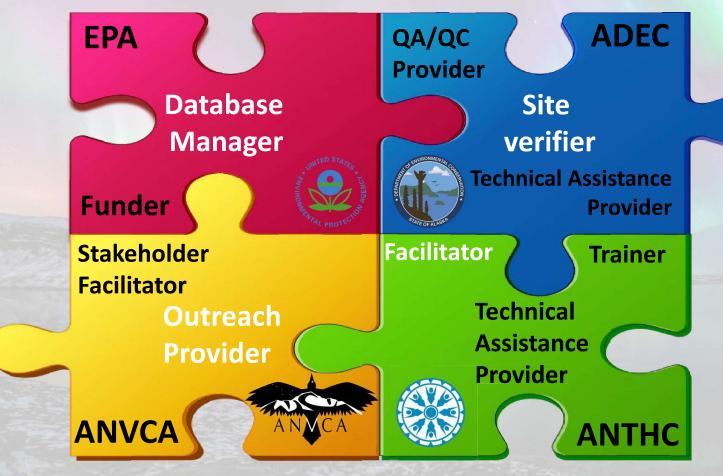
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ANCSA StoryMap

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Contaminated ANCSA Lands Program Agency Role Overview



Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance





Program Overview





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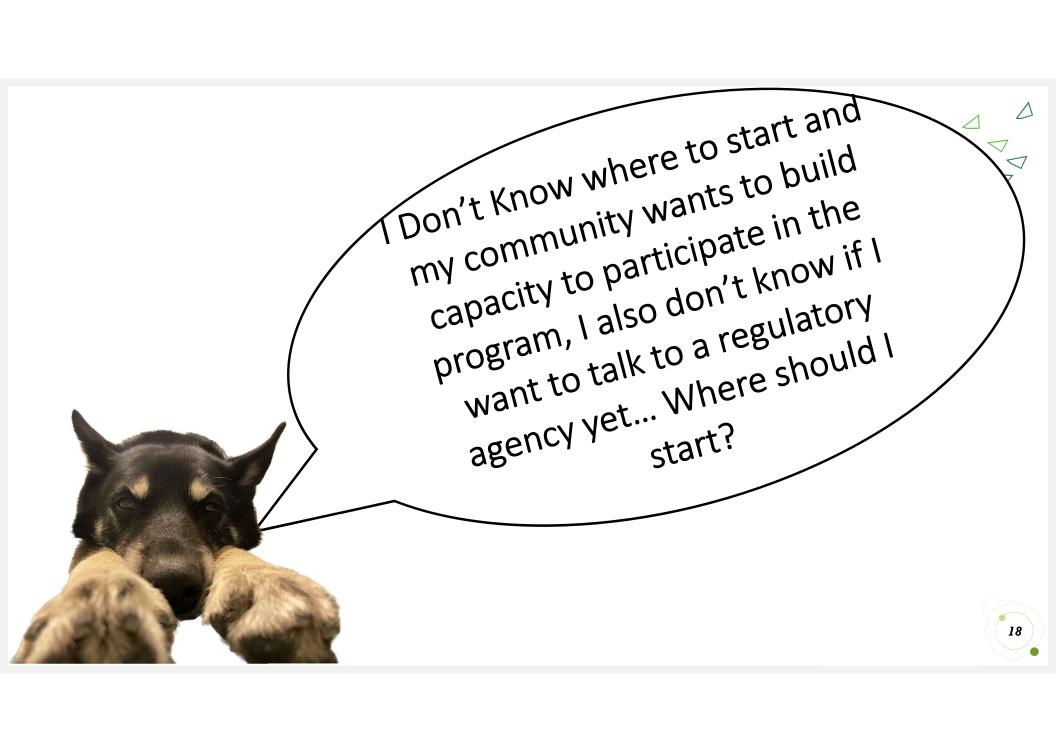
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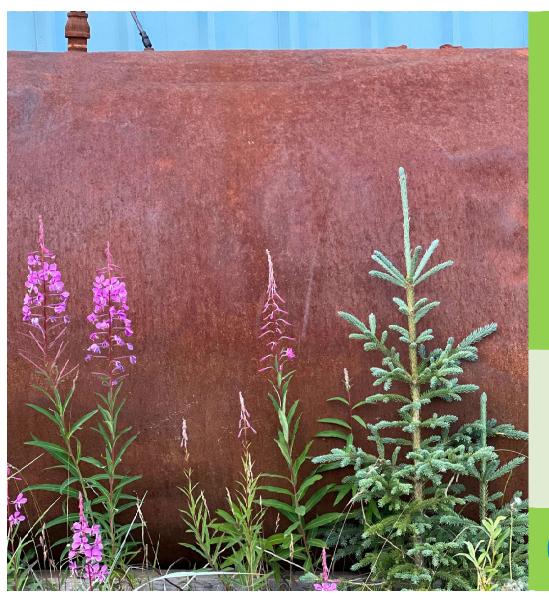
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Step One: Initial Communications

Lisa Griswold, ANTHC
Curtis McQueen, ANVCA
Josh Demit, Native Village of Tetlin







Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

ANCSA
Partnership Group
Next Meeting:
April 16



- Educator
- Trainer
- Technical Assistance Provider



Bailey Richards Contaminated Sites Program Manager

> Lisa Griswold Contaminated Sites Project Manager (ANCSA Lead)







Kevin Heller Contaminated Sites Program Coordinator



Jeran Pelagio Contaminated Sites Program Coordinator



Contaminated ANCSA Lands Technical Assistance Menu

Classroom Training \$0.00

- ANCSA 101
- Two-Day ANCSA Training
- Brownfields 101
- Funding Resources Roundtable

Site Visits \$0.00

- Site Interviews
- On-Site Documentation
- Data Collection
- Community Engagement

Application Assistance \$0.00

- Proposal Prep.
- Application Guidance
- Documentation Review
- Feedback & Editing





Desktop Research \$0.00

- Historical Records
- Satellite Imagery
- Environmental Reports
- Regulatory Databases

Funding Evaluation \$0.00

- Eligibility Assessment
- Funding Source Identification
- Long-Term Funding Planning
- Strategic Recommendations

Community Visits \$0.00

- On-Site Workshops
- Community Visioning
- Collaboration & Networking
- Engagement Events



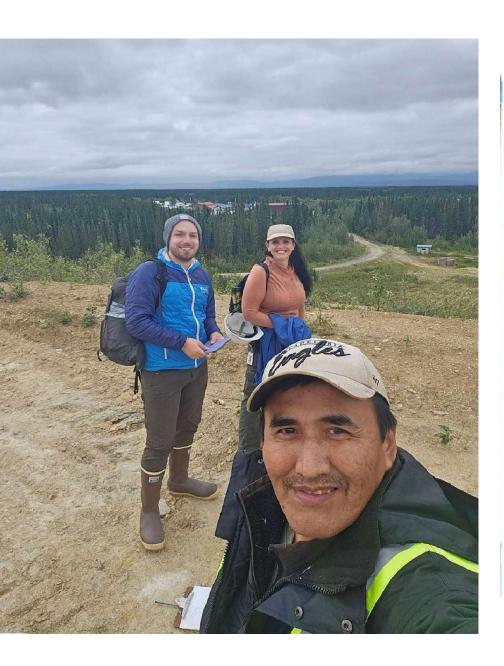






Contamination, Community Engagement, and Cleanup: The Process of Transforming Contaminated ANCSA Sites

Left to Right
Flannery Ballard (ADEC), Stephen Nguyen (EPA), Lizzy
Buckingham (ADEC), Kevin Heller and Lisa Griswold
(ANTHC)









ANCSA 101, Brownfields 101, and Funding Programs for Contaminated Sites Training Opportunity

DESCRIPTION

Explore the transformative impact of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) on Native land rights and economic landscapes, and learn more about funding opportunities, including Brownfields, the Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program, FUDs and NALEMP, aimed at supporting community-led cleanup and revitalization initiatives.



August 1

Brownfield 101: 10-11 a.m.* ANCSA 101: 11 a.m.-noon* Funding Resources Session: 1 p.m.*

*subject to change



LOCATION

Tetlin Tribal Hall Tetlin, Alaska



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Please contact Josh Demit or Lisa Griswold for more information









Discovering the ANCSA Contaminated Lands Assistance Program







My Personal Interest in The Contaminated Lands Program



Learning & Taking Action

Project for this summer in Tetlin – EPA Assisted Assessment

- Currently working with Stephen Nguyen (EPA), Lizzy Buckingham (DEC), and Kevin Heller (ANTHC).
- We are working on getting a letter or a formal email from Tetlin Tribal Council that requests EPA conduct an Assisted Assessment at the John H. Warehouse, Old Red Tanks, and Old BIA School Tanks, and Site Verification at the Old BIA Dump Site.
- The purpose of a Site Verification is to conduct a preliminary verification whether a site is eligible for the EPA Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Agreements grant (ANCSA grant)
- The purpose of an Assisted Assessment is for EPA to conduct an in-depth assessment on a site that has been determined to be eligible.
- The Assisted Assessment includes activities like determining the boundaries of the site, identification of site features, inventory of wastes stored at the site, sampling of contaminated media (soil, water, groundwater), and extent of contamination.
- These activities will be documented in the Assisted Assessment report that will also include estimates of the amount of contamination on site and include cost estimates for cleanup.
- The goal of an Assisted Assessment is to provide a prospective ANCSA grant applicant (Tetlin) with information needed to put together a cleanup workplan and cost estimates for an ANCSA grant.

Advice for Those Seeking ANCSA & Brownfields Support

- 1.) Ask questions preferably to Lisa Griswold or Kevin Heller because they will make things happen, or share Information.
- 2.) Make sure you have clear communication with your leadership and Council so that you can make a proper plan when they decide to come to your community.
- 3.) Make sure you can dedicate most of your time for projects because funding is available!

Here we have Lisa
Griswold teaching us
about ANCSA 101 as well
as Brownfields 101 and
the Funding Resources
Roundtable.

During these sessions we engaged with EPA and DEC with any questions that may arise.



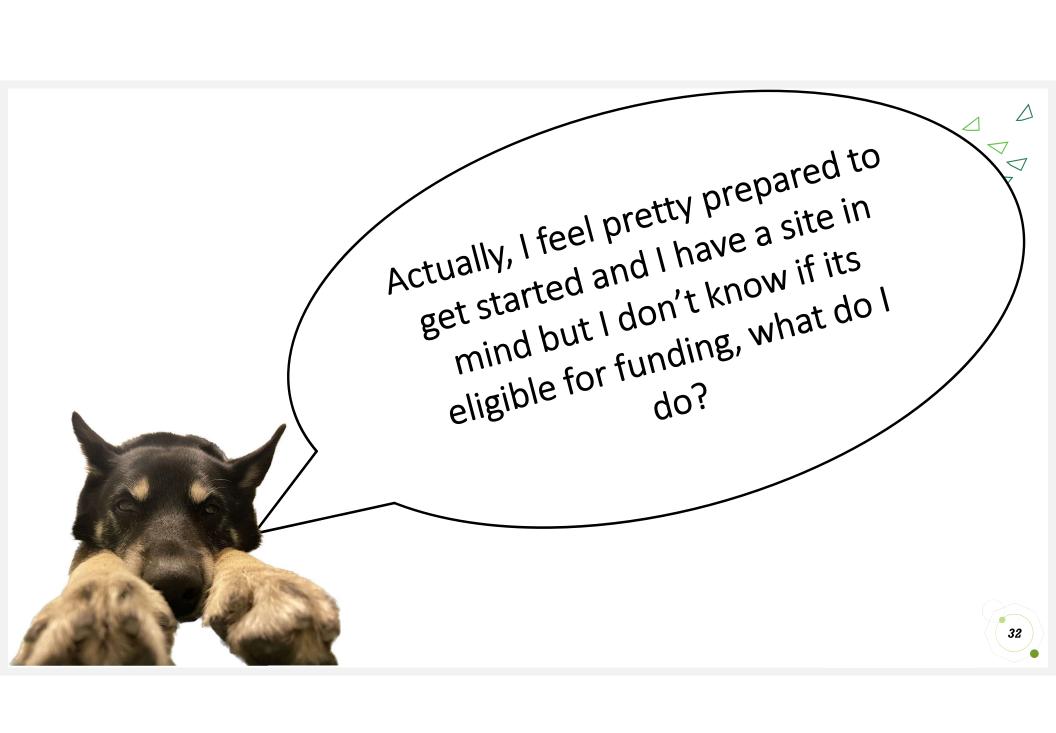
Thank you ANTHC for giving my program this opportunity to address sites that needed to be dealt with.

A big thank you to Kevin Heller and Lisa Griswold for making this possible.

Thank you to the Tetlin
Tribal Council for approving
this event.

Thank you, Kristie Charlie, for helping me with everything to make this possible in Tetlin.





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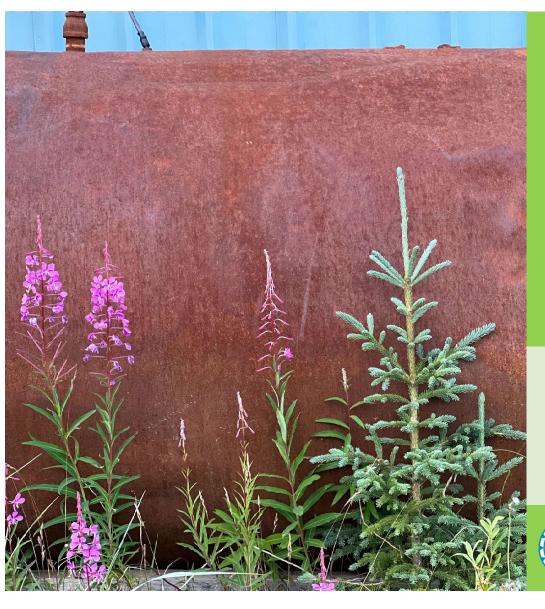
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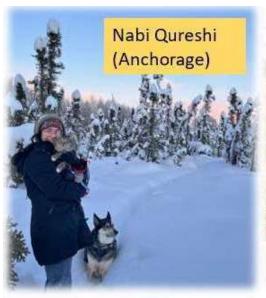


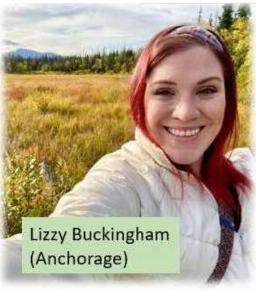
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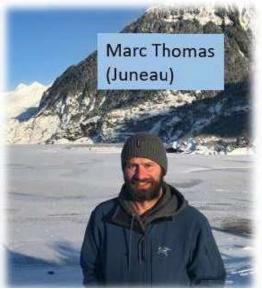














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https://dec.Alaska.gov/spar/csp/ancsa



Is it ANCSA conveyed?
Is it contaminated,
pre-conveyance?

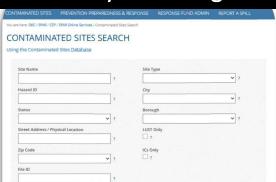


Land records, news articles, building construction dates

Verification: Desktop Research



Previous reports, historical spill dates & photos, community knowledge



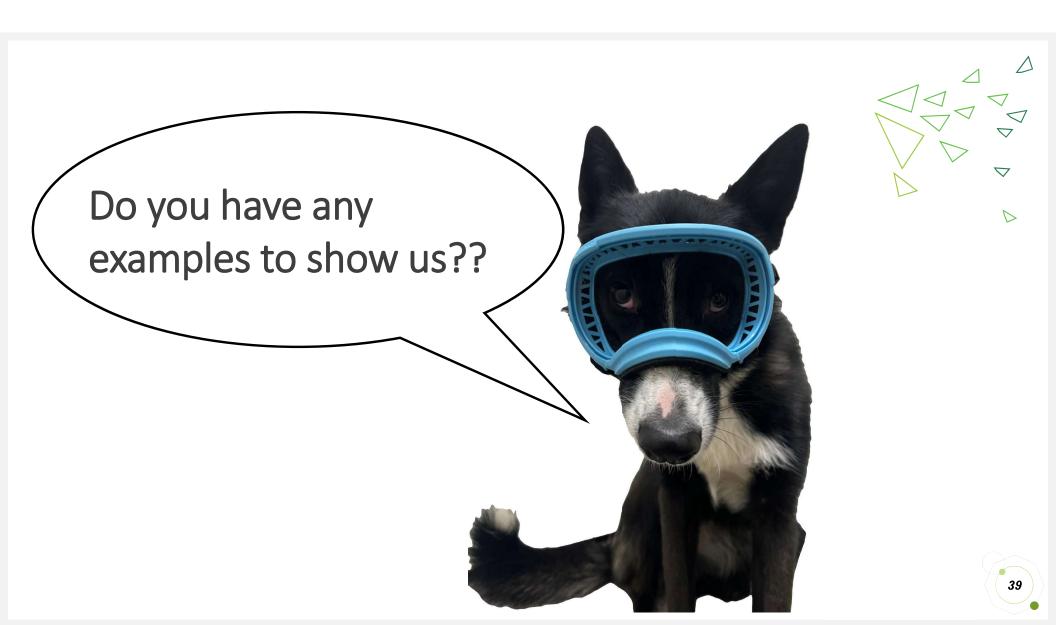
Contaminated Sites database, site history review











Icy Bay: Airstrip, Beach/Barrel Dump & Oil Wells

- Collaboration with Chugach Alaska Corporation, July 2024 DEC/CAC site visit and sampling
- Airstrip:
 - Derelict jeep (LBP), drums & containers. Sampled inside hanger minimal contamination.
 - Next steps: Consultants sampling in and around hanger this summer
- Beach/Barrel Dump: Could not be located. Consultants will continue the search this summer
- Oil Wells: Not visited in 2024. Consultants will search for the site this summer.



Yakataga: Scattered Debris and Missing Landfills

- Collaboration with Chugach Alaska Corporation, information from FAA,
- July 2024 DEC/CAC site visit and sampling
- NW FAA Wdl: Scattered debris & drums. Painted metal debris pile = LBP. Soil < cleanup levels.
 Consultants sampling this summer around LBP debris pile, and around other areas identified.
- Community Dump: Could not be located. Consultants will continue the search this summer.
- Mink Creek Landfills: Could not be located. Consultants will search for the site this summer.





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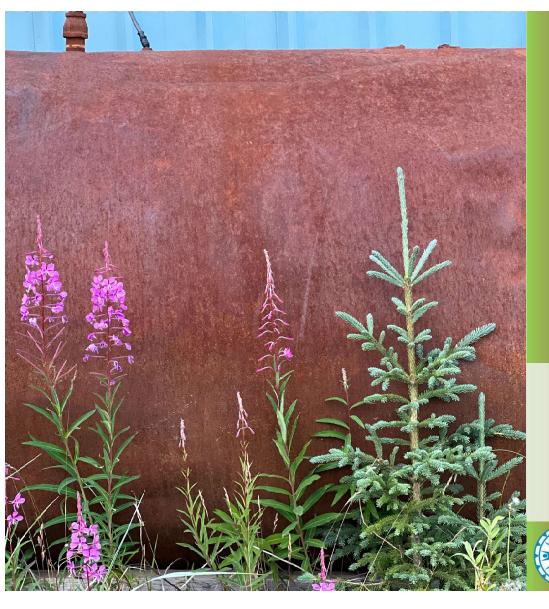
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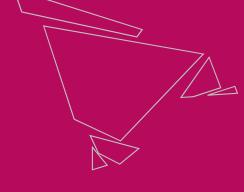
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Step Three: Application/ Grant Process

Jeff Estes, EPA Jordan Finney, YRITWC





Non-Competitive Grant Application Process



Identify Stakeholders and Partners

Ensure Organizational Readiness

ANTHC & other TAB
Provides can assist

Communicate with EPA

Check
EPA's Common

Operating Picture (ANCSA Inventory)

Coordinate

with EPA for Site Prioritization and Verification



Understand Notice of ANCSA Funding Guidance (AKA NOFO)

Understand

Procurement Requirements

Register for SAM.gov & Grants.gov

Complete Initial DRAFT

Pre-Award Applicant

Project Narrative Project Work Plan Project Budget Grant Forms **Upon EPA Approval Submit** Application to
Grant.gov



Pre-Award - Applicant

Application
Negotiations and
adjustments

Award - Recipient

Recipient Accepts
Terms and Conditions

Post-Award - Recipient

Component 1 - Identify QEP

Component 2 – QEP Develops Plans

Component 3 – QEP Oversees Field Work

Component 4 – QEP Drafts Report



ANCSA AWARD

Jordan Finney, YRITWC Brownfields Coordinator

Introduction

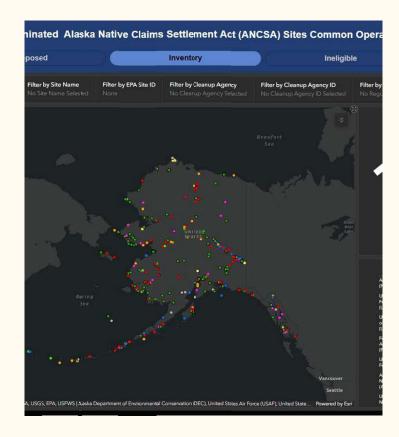


Who we are

- Grassroots Non Profit Organization
- 74 First Nation and Tribes
- Dedicated to protection and preservation of the Yukon River Watershed
- Departments
 - Science
 - o TAT
 - Brownfields

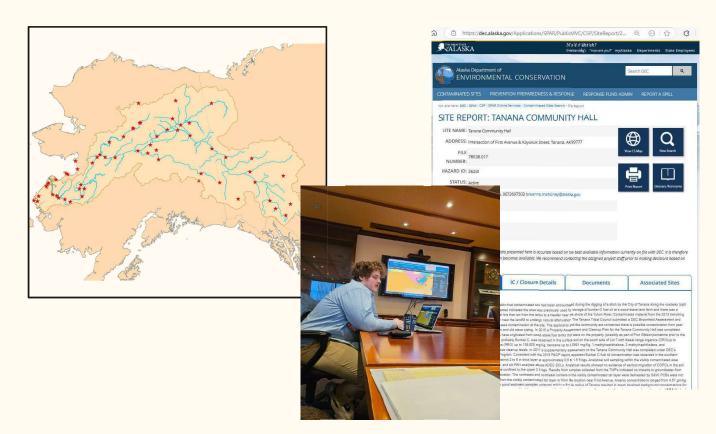
First Learned about ANCSA Program

- Our Executive Director heard about it and made it a priority
- Went to the ANCSA partnership meetings



How'd we know its a good fit for Tanana Community Hall

- Lots of research
- BLM Maps
- History
- Partnerships



Village Corporation - Regional Corporation					Ranking Criteria						
Village	Site Name (54 Current Sites)	Verification Status	Site Status	ADEC Link (location, ADEC Staff, Site History)	Primary Contamination	Responsible Party	Current Site	Potential Impact on Human Health	Potnetial Impact on Environmental Health	Total	Notes

- Partnership with Tozina
- Clear communication with EPA
- Deeds and conveyance found and date of contamination
- Previous Site Assessments
- Persistence





Just keep moving forward



ADVICE

- Understanding ANCSA
- Documents
- Interviews
- Talk with EPA
- Leverage Funding



NEVER BACK DOWN NEVER WHAT, Never give up, NEVER BACK DOWN NEVER WHAT, Never Give up! THAT'S RIGHT LET'S GOO



Next Steps and Potential Challenges

Community Meetings



Going to Tanana

Contractor



Getting the contractor

More Contamination



What if there more contamination than anticipated

Scheduling



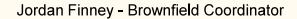
Scheduling Equipment, shipping, and travel



Thank you! Any Questions

Brownfield Team







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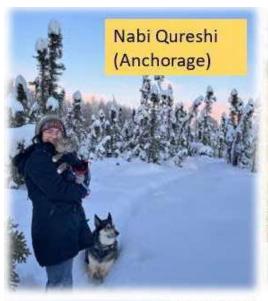
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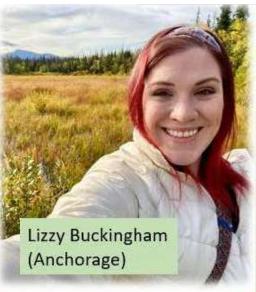
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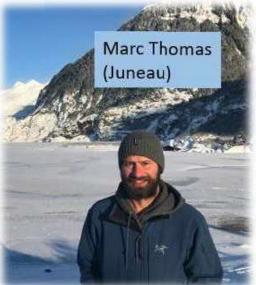
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