

**Department of Environmental Conservation
FY23 Mid-Year Status Report**

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1	Administration / Administrative Services	IIJA Division E Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Water Programs Procurement and Accounting (FY23-FY27)	Total: \$471.7 \$359.7 CIP Rcpts (Other) \$56.0 CleanAdmin (Other) \$56.0 DrinkAdmin (Other) 2 PFT Positions IncT	The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides hundreds of millions in federal funds that will be awarded to Alaska for water and wastewater projects. The Division of Administration will need additional staff resources to support the Village Safe Water procurement team, as well as the facilities accounting team which provides accounting services directly to Village Safe Water and the Revolving Loan Fund programs.	What positions have been hired?	No IIJA positions have been hired yet. IIJA related positions are included within a larger restructuring within the Division of Administration to support the Village Safe Water and State Revolving Fund Programs. The decision was made to delay hiring to establish management structure and prioritize backfilling other positions made vacant through internal promotion. Additionally the Department is being conscientious of budget and is allowing the SRF project solicitation process, which runs through February, to identify the level of interest for SRF BIL funding to better gauge demand and anticipated workload for the team.

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2	Environmental Health / Environmental Health	Assume Primacy of Hazardous Waste Management Under Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Subtitle C	\$830.0 Gen Fund (UGF) 6 PFT Positions	The Department will be assuming primacy to operate a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C program within its Environmental Health division as a section of the Solid Waste Management program, which already manages RCRA Subtitle D. Program implementation is proposed to be a two-year process, with year one involving discussions with the EPA on requirements for program primacy, development of regulations to implement Subtitle C in Alaska, and hiring and training staff.	How many positions have been hired? What is progress has the Department made with EPA requirements for primacy?	Six of the six positions have been hired. ADEC is working proactively with EPA on developing capacity to implement RCRA Subtitle C. The Department of Law is working with EPA Legal on statutory authorities. ADEC Hazardous Waste Program (HWP) management has been working directly with counterparts at EPA on program implementation and has completed draft regulations that are undergoing internal review. HWP staff are making significant progress with training on RCRA regulations and inspections. DEC is on track to submit a complete application to EPA for program authorization by December 2023.
3	Environmental Health / Environmental Health	IIJA Division E Title I Drinking Water - Federal Infrastructure Drinking Water Program Implementation (FY23-FY27)	\$8,126.1 Fed Rcpts (Fed) 6 PFT Positions IncT	The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides hundreds of millions in federal funds that will be awarded to Alaska for water and wastewater projects. In order to implement these programs, the Department will require increased capacity in the Clean Water, Drinking Water, Village Safe Water, and Technical Assistance & Financing programs.	What positions have been hired?	Six of the six positions have been hired.

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4	Spill Prevention and Response / Spill Prevention and Response	IIJA Division J Title VI - Federal Infrastructure Brownfields Response Grants Implementation (FY23-FY27)	\$1,000.0 Fed Rcpts (Fed) 5 TMP Positions IncT	The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides \$1.5 billion in funds to be used toward brownfield programs. It is expected that approximately \$1 million per year will be dedicated to Alaska sites and increased program development. In order to implement this program, the Department will require increased capacity in the Division of Spill Prevention and Response, Contaminated Sites program. Federal funding will be available in this grant program starting in FY23 to support agency operations.	What positions have been hired?	18-7906 - Recruitment closed 1/4/2023. Interviews to be held next week. 18-7907 - Recruitment closes 1/9/2023. Recruitment was extended to allow for a larger pool of candidates. 18-7908 - currently not in recruitment, but a similar position recruitment closes on 1/11/2023 and if there are multiple qualified candidates a hire could be made from that pool. 18-7909 - Recruitment closes 1/9/2023. Recruitment was extended to allow for a larger pool of candidates. 18-7910 - Recruitment closed 1/3/2023. Interviews will be conducted next week.
5	Water / Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing	Assumption of Primacy over Section 404 Permitting of the Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material into Waters and Wetlands	\$1,000.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	The legislature did not accept the Governor's proposal of assuming primacy over Section 404 permitting in FY23. Instead they appropriated \$1 million to the Department to perform a feasibility study prior to taking over primacy. The legislature also included intent language that the Department provide a copy of the study to the Co-Chairs of the Finance Committees by February 1st, 2023.	Will this report be submitted in February as expected?	Yes

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6	Water / Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing	IIJA Division J Title VI - Federal Infrastructure Indian Health Services Village Safe Water Support (FY23-FY27)	\$1,585.4 CIP Rcpts (Other) 5 PFT Positions IncT	The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides hundreds of millions in federal funds that will be awarded to Alaska for water and wastewater projects. In order to implement these programs, the Department will require increased capacity in the Clean Water, Drinking Water, Village Safe Water, and Technical Assistance & Financing programs.	What positions have been hired?	1. EPS 3 18-7892 2. EPS 3 18-7894
7	Water / Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing	IIJA Division E Title I Drinking Water - Federal Infrastructure Drinking Water Program Implementation (FY23-FY27)	Total: \$4,582.7 \$4,276.9 Fed Rcpts (Fed) \$305.8 DrinkAdmin (Other) 3 PFT Positions IncT	The Division of Water needs additional staff resources to provide oversight and coordination of Village Safe Water projects as well as oversight of increased loans issued from the State Revolving Loan Funds. The Division will also provide additional technical assistance and capacity support to water systems through the Operator Certification and Capacity Development programs. This funding is for the Drinking Water program.	What positions have been hired?	1. EPS 3 18-7891 2. Env Prog Tech 18-7722

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8	Water / Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing	IJJA Division E Title II Clean Water - Federal Infrastructure Clean Water Program Implementation (FY23-FY27)	Total: \$1,192.7 \$886.8 Fed Rcpts (Fed) \$305.9 CleanAdmin (Other) 3 PFT Positions IncT	The Division of Water needs additional staff resources to provide oversight and coordination of Village Safe Water projects as well as oversight of increased loans issued from the State Revolving Loan Funds. The Division will also provide additional technical assistance and capacity support to water systems through the Operator Certification and Capacity Development programs. This funding is for the Clean Water program.	What positions have been hired?	1. Grants Administrator 3 18-7903
9	Water / Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing	Additional State Support for Federal Infrastructure Water Program Implementation (FY23-27)	\$135.4 Gen Fund (UGF) 1 PFT Position IncT	The Division anticipates additional workload to continue conducting domestic wastewater system plan reviews. This work is not eligible for federal grant funding.	Has the position been hired?	Yes. Engineer 1 18-7871