"Building and Preserving Alaska's Future" Update on Programs, Projects and Issues

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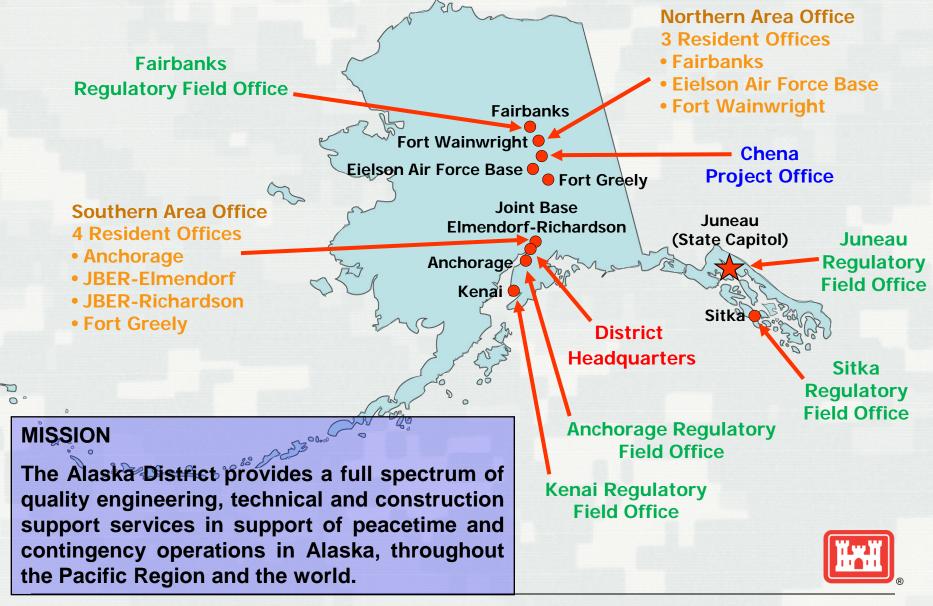
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MAJOR PROGRAMS

MILITARY



CIVIL WORKS

Rock Placement in Wrangell Harbor



REGULATORY

Wetlands Assessment in Mat-Su Valley





ENVIRONMENTAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Temporary Facilities

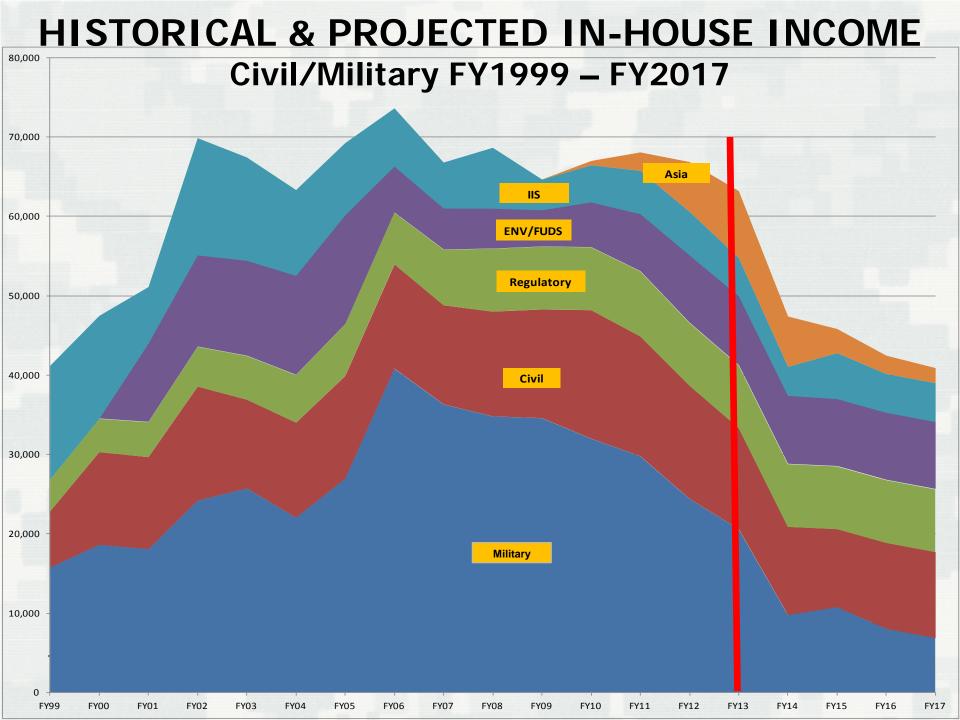
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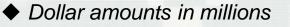
FY13 TOTAL PROGRAM

- Military Construction: 3 Projects @ \$33M
- Civil Works: 37 Projects / Activities @ \$41.6M
- Environmental: 181 Projects @ \$100M
- Interagency & International Services: 35 Projects @ \$22.3M
- Humanitarian Assistance / U.S. Agency for International Development : 74 Projects @ \$29M
- Security Assistance & Foreign Military Sales: 4 Projects @ \$87M
- Total: 322 Projects / Activities @ \$312.9 Million





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FY14 TOTAL PROGRAM

- Military Construction: 9 Projects @ \$121M
- Civil Works: Civil Works: 29 Projects / Activities @ \$41.1M
- Environmental: 250 Projects @ \$100M
- Interagency & International Services: 4 Projects @ \$4M
- Humanitarian Assistance / U.S. Agency for International Development : 45 Projects @ \$11M
- Security Assistance & Foreign Military Sales: 4 Projects @ \$56M
- Total: 341 Projects / Activities @ \$333.1 Million







FY13 MILITARY PROGRAM 3 Projects @ \$33 Million

- JBER-Richardson: 1 project @ \$8M
- Fort Wainwright: 1 project @ \$10M
- Clear Air Force Station: 1 project @ \$15M





C-17 Maintenance Complex at JBER - Elmendorf

FY14 MILITARY PROGRAM 9 Projects @ \$121M *

- Fort Wainwright: 8 projects @ \$104M
- Clear Air Force Station: 1 project @ \$17M

F-22 Weapons Training Facility at JBER - Elmendorf

Health Clinic at JBER - Richardson



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* Contingent upon Program Objective Memorandum (POM)

AVIATION TASK FORCE COMPLEX Fort Wainwright

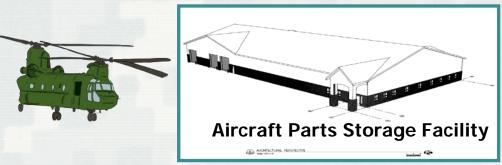
15 Projects @ \$420 Million

• FY10: Phase I – 4 projects @ \$95M

• FY11: Phase II – 3 projects @ \$107M

• FY12: Phase IIIA – 1 project @ \$114M

• FY14: Phase IIIB – 4 projects @ \$58M Phase IV – 3 projects @ \$46M



Vehicle Maintenance Facility at Fort Wainwright

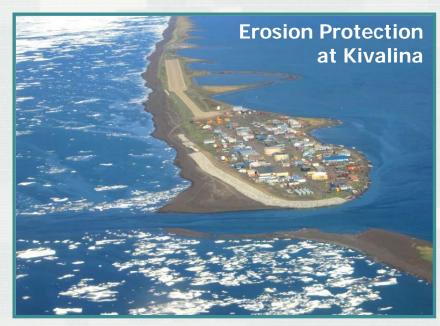
Aviation Maintenance Hangar at Fort Wainwright

CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM

Alaska Community Support

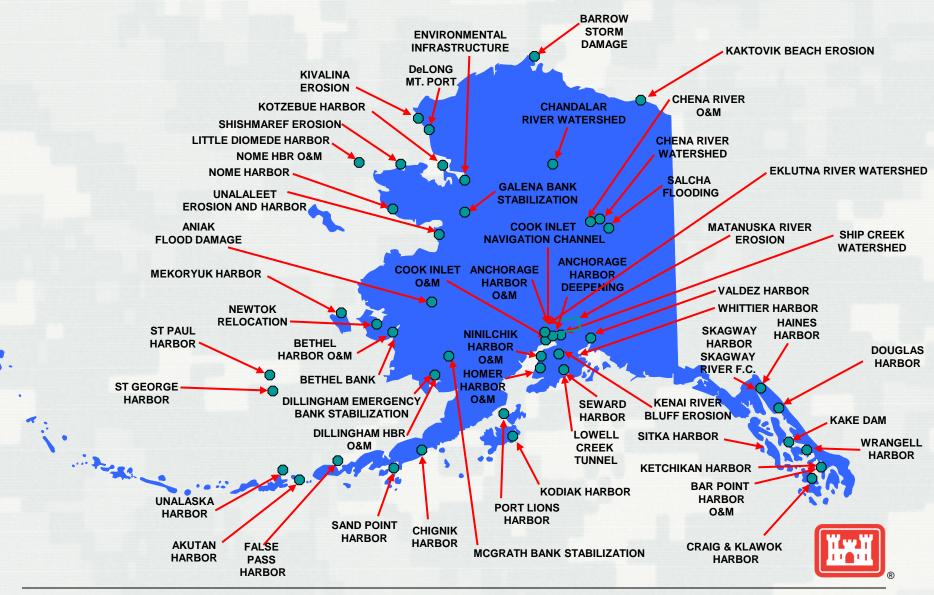
- Navigation
 - Ports/Harbors
 - Port of Anchorage Dredging
- Flood Risk Management
 - Coastal and Storm Damage Reduction
- Emergency Response
- Recreation
- Water Supply
- Hydroelectric Power Generation







ONGOING CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS



FY13 CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM

\$4M

37 Projects / Activities @ \$41.6 Million

- 15 Studies / Designs
- 5 Construction Projects \$8.5M
 - 1 new Buckland Water Supply
- 15 Operations & Maintenance Activities \$21.1M
 1 new Nome Harbor (5-year contract)
- 2 Regulatory / Emergency Response \$8M





FY14 CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM

29 Projects / Activities @ \$41.1 Million

- 10 Studies / Designs \$3.7M
- **7** Construction Projects \$7.4M
 - Potential Projects: Bethel, St. Michaels, Valdez
- 10 Operations & Maintenance Activities \$22M
 - > 1 New Dillingham Harbor (5-year contract)
- 2 Regulatory / Emergency Response **\$8M**

Unalaska Harbor

Breakwater Extension

* Subject to Congressional Appropriations



Seward Harbor

AKUTAN HARBOR



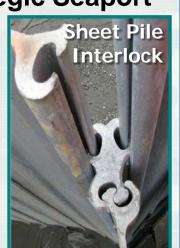
- Located in Aleutian Islands 766 miles southwest of Anchorage (35 miles east of Unalaska).
- Project involved removal of 960,000 cubic yards of material and construction of 1,500 linear feet of rock breakwaters.
- Harbor will accommodate 58 vessels, including 30 vessels between 110 and 155 feet in length.
- Contract awarded in February 2010 in amount of \$31.9 million with \$28.6 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- Project Completed in October 2012.



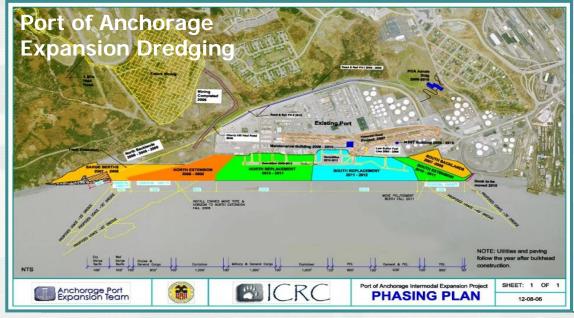
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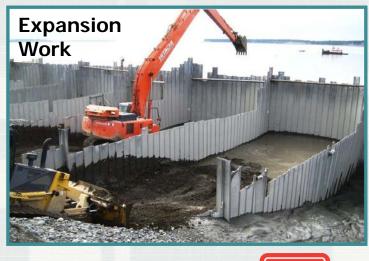
DoD-designated National Strategic Seaport

- Annual maintenance dredging
- Transitional dredging to support port expansion
- Independent suitability study
- Alternative design concepts











ALASKA REGIONAL PORTS STUDY

 Initiated study in 2003 with reconnaissance level review of potential sites for navigation improvement.

• Statewide Port Conference conducted in 2008 and 2010.

Presented and prioritized comprehensive tabulation of marine infrastructure needs by region.

Reviewed potential quarry sites.



> Analyzed relationship between hub communities and surrounding communities.

• Alaska Congressional Delegation and State requested focus on Arctic Deep Draft Ports Study.

> "Arctic Coast" defined as north of Bethel to Canadian border.

Using multi-criteria decision making software, State and Corps evaluated 14 sites that could benefit from enhanced marine infrastructure. Many of these locations also considered in Northern Waters Task Force Report.

Report released to public in January 2013 recommending in-depth analysis of Nome/Port Clarence area.

Planning charrette slated for April 15-19 in Nome.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

FY12 – 186 Projects @ \$116 Million

Project Highlights

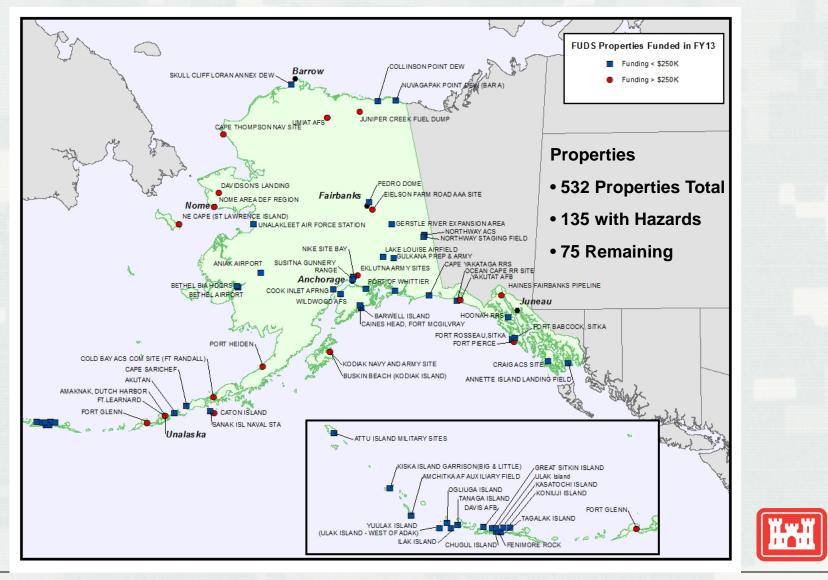
- Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS): 50+ Properties @ \$50M
- Army Environmental: 70+ Projects @ \$15M
- Air Force Environmental: 40+ Projects @ \$39M
- International Interagency Support (IIS) Environmental: 13 Projects @ \$7M
- Native American Lands
 Environmental Mitigation Program: 13 Cooperative Agreements @ \$5M

FY13 – 181 Projects @ \$100 Million

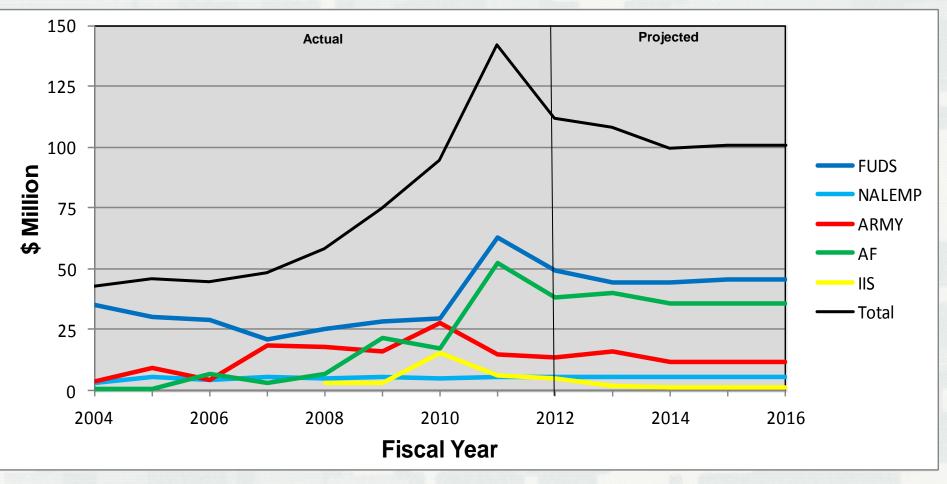
Project Highlights

- Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS): 50+ Properties @ \$45M
- Army Environmental: 70+ Projects @ \$12M
- Air Force Environmental: 40+ Projects @ \$36M
- International Interagency Support (IIS) Environmental: 8 Projects @ \$2M
- Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program: 13 Cooperative Agreements @ \$5M

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS)



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM FY2004 – FY2016



Note: Environmental funding is 98% one year funding

INTERAGENCY AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES (IIS) PROGRAM

FY12 – 39 Projects @ \$24.5 Million

Project Highlights

- Missile Defense Agency (MDA): 13 Projects @ \$8M
 – Fort Greely and Clear Air Station
- NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service: 3 Projects @ \$3M
- DLA Energy and IIS Fuels: 7 Projects @ \$5M
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA): 2 Projects @ \$2.5M
- Denali Commission:
 14 Projects @ \$6M
 - Barge Landing Facilities
 - Docks

FY13 – 23 Projects @ \$22.5 Million

Project Highlights

- Missile Defense Agency (MDA): 6 Projects @ \$12M

 Fort Greely and Clear Air Station
- NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service: 5 Projects @ \$3.3M
- DLA Energy and IIS Fuels: 6 Projects @ \$3.4M
- Denali Commission:
 6 Projects @ \$0.6M



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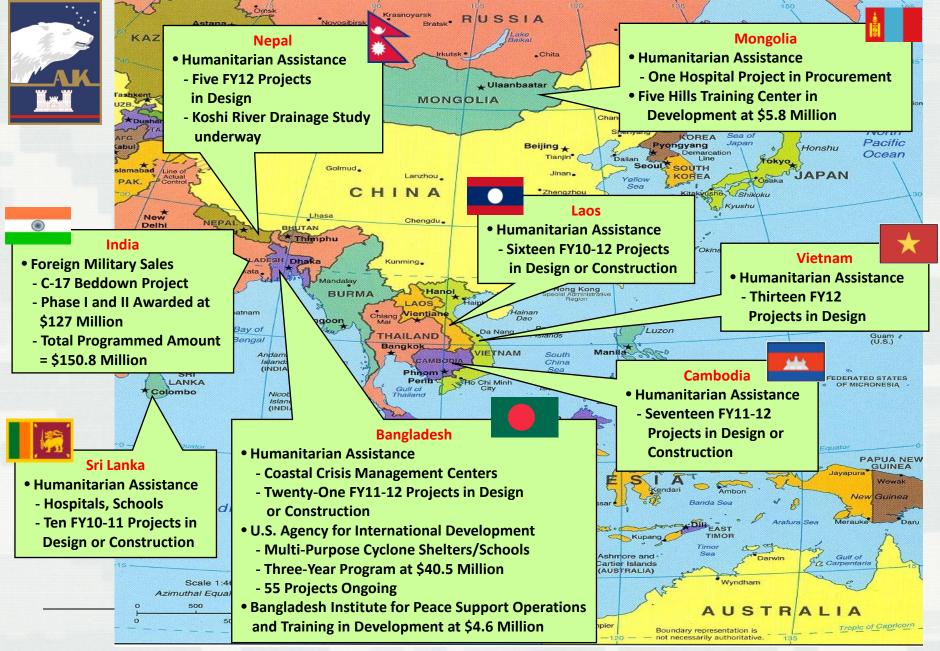
FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERSHIPS

- Denali Commission
- Coast Guard (USCG)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD)
- Department of Interior (DOI)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- National Marine Fishery Service (NFMS)
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- State Department of Transportation (AKDOT)
- Alaska Energy Commission (AEC)
- State Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)



ALASKA DISTRICT SUPPORT TO PACOM & USARPAC



REGULATORY PROGRAM

- Mission to protect the Nation's aquatic resources, while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permit decisions.
- Authorities
 - Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
 - Section 404 Clean Water Act (1972)
 - Section 103 Marine, Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (1972)

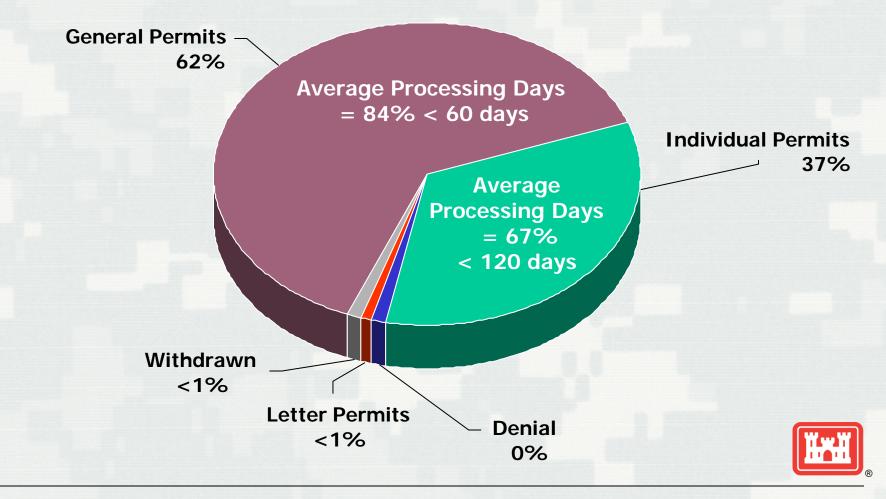
Corps of Engineers in Alaska

- Largest district in nation (geographically)
 - ➤ 43% of state is wetlands
 - ➤ 3 million lakes
 - > 15 million miles of potentially navigable waterways
- 2nd largest regulatory division in nation
 - ➤ 54 employees
 - > 1,536 actions per year (average for past nine years)





PERMIT ACTIONS FY12 1,100 Decisions



SECTION 404 OF CLEAN WATER ACT Assumption of Program by States or Tribes

- State or tribe only can administer Section 404 Program for certain non-navigable waters
- Corps would retain jurisdiction for:
 - Tidal waters and adjacent wetlands
 - Navigable and adjacent wetlands
 - Navigable waters under Section 10

Process for state or tribe to assume Section 404 Program

- State or tribe submits complete assumption application
- EPA reviews application
- Distribution of application for public comment
- Public hearing
- EPA is decision maker, but Corps provides information and data



REGULATORY PARTNERSHIP EFFORTS

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

- Submit application as early as possible
- Become familiar with requirements

Allocate time and resources for permitting

- Visit us online at: <u>http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx</u>
- Use project checklist drawings, adjacent property owners, etc.
- Schedule pre-application meeting

Coordinate with appropriate agency on project issues and include findings with application

- o Endangered Species Act
- Essential Fish Habitat
- State Historical Preservation Act
- o Marine Mammal Protection Act

Provide timely responses to requests for additional information * HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

- Make timely decisions
- Issue decisions that are defensible if challenged in court
 - If we lose, the project is at-risk
- Be accessible to the public
- Conduct outreach with the regulated community

* A complete application does not mean we have enough information to make a permit decision, but rather enough to issue a public notice and receive meaningful comments



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



62nd Engineer Detachment

Oversees Contingency Operation

Iraq & Afghanistan – 317 deployed to date

Disaster Response

Hurricane / Flood Relief – 253 deployed to date











CONCLUSION

- Military Program is declining.
- Other programs have become more volatile.
- We are continuing to improve our Regulatory Program through outreach and partnering efforts.
- We are re-shaping the Alaska District into an adaptable, flexible organization able to execute a changing workload in an efficient and effective manner.









QUESTIONS?

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