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## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION NOTICE OF CRITERIA USED IN ESTABLISHING PRIORITY SYSTEM FOR THE AWARD OF SEWAGE TREATMENT, INTERCEPTOR, AND COLLECTOR SYSTEM GRANTS

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-500) provides grants to municipalities for preliminary plans and studies (step 1), design (step 2), and construction (step 3) of water pollution control facilities. Funds are allotted to the states based on a formula enunciated in the Act. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has the responsibility of allocating such funds among projects within the State. The Federal Act requires the states to establish priority rating systems to evaluate projects and to insure that funds are awarded first to projects with the most pressing needs. The Federal Act insures that all certified projects are entitled to 75 percent of the eligible project costs.

The Department of Environmental Conservation will establish the priority list at least once a year. If circumstances warrant, the Commissioner may revise the list, allowing for public participation as required by PL 92-500.

Priority of a project for a grant under PL 92-500 is established on the basis of severity of pollution problem, the need for preservation of high quality waters, and national priorities suggested by the Environmental Protection Agency. Priority will be determined by assigning point scores as follows:

- I. Type of Project
 

In order to achieve maximum prevention and abatement, emphasis will be placed on funding projects in the order shown below. Projects consisting of a) and b) will be assigned a point score calculated by adding the point values for each element, after multiplying each value by the fraction which the cost of that element bears to the total project cost. Projects contemplating construction of c), d), and e) facilities will be identified and evaluated separately.

    - a) Treatment facility and appurtenances 300
    - b) Interceptors 225
    - c) Sewage collection 150
    - d) Combined storm/sanitary separation 100
    - e) Storm sewers 20
  - II. Project Phase
    - a) Facility planning (Step 1) 110
    - b) Preparation of plans and specifications (Step 2) 100
    - c) Construction (Step 3) 90
  - III. Receiving Water Criteria of Waters Affected by Project (Max. 40 Points)
    - Fresh Water
      - Water Supply 20
      - Recreation 10
      - Shellfish 10
      - Fishing 10
      - Boating 10
    - Marine Water (Max. 30 Points)
      - Recreation 10
      - Shellfish 15
      - Fishing 10
      - Boating 5
  - IV. Miscellaneous Considerations (Max. 400 Points)
    - a) Critical public health or environmental considerations certified by the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation 300
    - b) Water Quality Standards violated or threatened to be violated 100
    - c) Populations affected
      - 1) Over 12,000 10
      - 2) 3,000 to 12,000 5
      - 3) Under 3,000 1
  - V. Recipient of previous grant for inoperable project 300
- The requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, and regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, require the State of Alaska to place strong emphasis on construction of sewage treatment plants in the grant award criteria. In addition, the relative emphasis in the criteria between sewage treatment plants, interceptor and collector sewers, and the emphasis between treatment facilities, planning, water criteria (marine and fresh water), and population, are determined primarily by Federal direction. Upon adoption, the grant criteria and priority list will become official policy of the Department and will serve as the official list for the award of State and Federal Construction Grants.

## PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL GRANT FUNDS WITH PRIORITY LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975

				Costs in millions of dollars			
				Total EPA	EPA Grant	75% cost	
List No.	Project	Project Description	State Proj. No.	Step	Score	eligible cost	(75%) cumul.
1	Fairbanks	STP & Int	C-020039	3	850	10.743	8.057
2	Kodiak	STP & Int	C-020038	3	825	3.06	2.30
3	Valdez	STP	C-020049	1	645	0.02	0.015
4	Valdez	STP	C-020049	2	635	0.03	0.023
5	Valdez	STP	C-020049	3	625	0.60	0.45
6	Valdez Airport	STP & Int	C-020050	1	609	0.01	0.007
7	Valdez Airport	STP & Int	C-020050	2	599	0.04	0.03
8	Valdez Airport	STP & Int	C-020050	3	589	0.54	0.405
9	Seward	STP & Int	C-020051	1	513	0.02	0.015
10	Skaogav	STP & Int	C-020046	2	512	0.661	0.046
11	Seward	STP & Int	C-020051	2	503	0.062	0.046
12	Skaogav	STP & Int	C-020046	3	502	1.113	0.835
13	Petersburg	STP & Int	C-020047	2	500	0.200	0.15
14	Seward	STP & Int	C-020051	3	493	0.85	0.638
15	Sitka	STP & Int	C-020052	1	490	0.05	0.038
16	Petersburg	STP & Int	C-020047	3	490	2.085	1.564
17	Ketchikan	STP & Int	C-020053	1	485	0.125	0.093
18	Wrangell	STP & Int	C-020045	2	481	0.26	0.195
19	Juneau-Lemon	STP & Int	C-020054	1	480	0.05	0.037
20	Sitka	STP & Int	C-020052	2	480	0.525	0.394
21	Ketchikan	STP & Int	C-020053	2	475	0.55	0.413
22	Wrangell	STP & Int	C-020045	3	471	4.25	3.187
23	Juneau-Lemon	STP & Int	C-020054	2	470	0.32	0.24
24	Sitka	STP & Int	C-020052	3	470	9.975	7.48
25	Homer	Int	C-020056	1	470	0.005	0.004
26	Ketchikan	STP & Int	C-020053	3	465	11.8	8.85
27	Juneau-Lemon	STP & Int	C-020054	3	460	5.77	4.328
28	GAAB-Gird.	STP & Int	C-020055	2	448	0.123	0.092
29	Juneau-Glacier	Int	C-020048	3	443	2.05	1.536
30	GAAB-Girdwood	STP & Int	C-020055	3	438	2.03	1.523

The EPA allocation to Alaska for FY 75 is \$15,059,100. EPA regulations require retaining 5 percent; therefore, the initial allocation limit is \$14,306,145.

\* Indicates not to be funded in FY 75

STP = Sewage treatment plant with outfall where applicable

Int = Interceptor sewer

Comments on the Grant Award Criteria and the Priority List are invited. Please send your comments to: Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Pouch O, Juneau, Alaska 99801. The deadline for receiving comments is April 20, 1974.