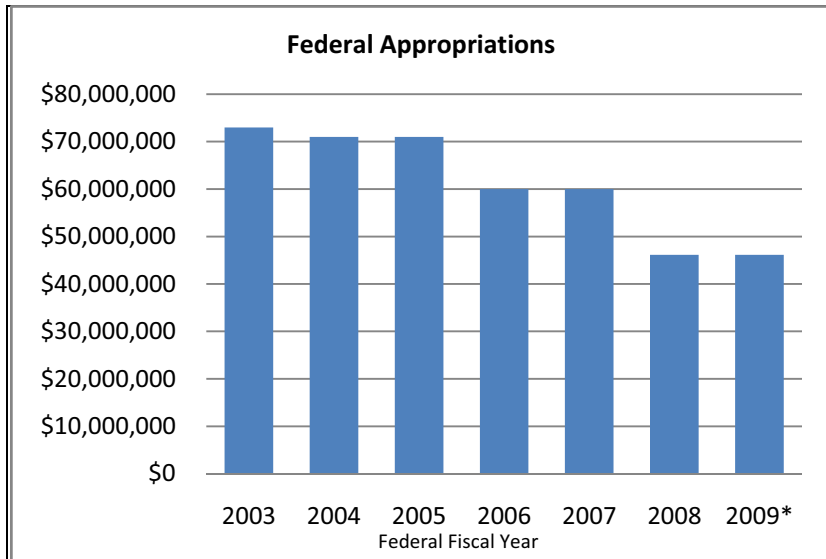


Rural Alaska Sanitation Appropriations



Annual funding for rural sanitation improvements has declined by nearly \$27 million or 37% since FFY 2003.

Fiscal Year	EPA				USDA				Total Enacted
	President	House	Senate	Enacted	President	House	Senate	Enacted	
2003	\$40,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$43,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$24,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$73,000,000
2004	\$40,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$43,000,000	\$11,800,000	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$28,000,000	\$71,000,000
2005	\$40,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$11,800,000	\$0	\$28,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$71,000,000
2006	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$11,800,000	\$0	\$26,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$60,000,000
2007	\$14,850,000	\$15,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$60,000,000
2008	\$15,500,000	\$10,500,000	\$30,000,000	\$24,610,000	\$0	\$0	\$21,945,000	\$21,515,000	\$46,125,000
2009*	\$15,500,000			\$24,610,000	\$3,300,000			\$21,515,000	\$46,125,000

* Assumes the Continuing Resolution for the first six months of FFY09 will be extended through last six months of FFY09.

While funding has declined by 37% over the last six years, there are still over 500 rural Alaska sanitation projects that need funding. The cost of completing these projects is approximately \$700 million.

The State's continued goal is to increase the number of rural households with adequate sanitation facilities by an average of 3% per year while at the same time assisting communities address sanitation needs relating to aging infrastructure and complying with new regulations.

We are concerned that although we've achieved this goal for the last several years, the momentum that we've gained may wane due to a decrease in federal funding levels.