

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affect: Environmental Conservation  
 Title Wastewater Discharge Program BRU Air and Water Quality  
 Component Water Quality  
 Sponsor Senators Therriault, Olson  
 Requester House Finance Component No. 2062

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services	47.1	47.1				
Travel	6.0	12.0				
Contractual	110.2	81.7				
Supplies	2.0	1.0				
Equipment	6.9	1.0				
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>172.2</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	63.1	46.0				
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	109.1	96.8				
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172.2</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary	2	2	(see explanation attached - nonpermanent)			

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Attached.

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Permitting decisions for wastewater discharges covered under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) are currently made by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Seattle. Alaska is one of only six states in the nation that does not make NPDES permit decisions at the state level. Alaska stakeholders have expressed a desire for local decision making but are guarded about endorsing Alaska primacy unless a state program provides more benefits than one executed by EPA. This bill requires the department to develop a plan for assuming NPDES primacy by the state to be provided to the legislature in January 2004. The plan will enable the Legislature to make a decision on whether or not Alaska will seek NPDES primacy.

If this fiscal note is adopted, the funding of the project now partially depends upon federal receipts from EPA. At the present time these receipts are not secured from EPA. Final approval of federal funds is likely to be strongly linked to the outcome of the federal budget for water pollution control grants which will be concluded in early fall 2002. If the department is not successful in receiving federal funds, this will be known before the project start date and the project should not proceed since it can not be successfully completed without full funding.

During the second half of FY2003 and for the first half of FY2004, one full time temporary, non-permanent Environmental Specialist IV and one part time temporary, non-permanent Environmental Specialist III, with assistance by private contractors and the Department of Law, will prepare an implementation plan for state assumption of the federal wastewater discharge permitting program in Alaska.

Other line item funding will provide travel for staff to meet with stakeholders and interested citizens, technical assistance from environmental contractor(s) with experience in NPDES program implementation, basic support costs, and equipment.