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4 response actions and to state assistance to municipalities and villages for expenses for
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10 * Section 1. INTENT. The provisions of AS 29.60.500 - 29.60.599, added by sec. 7 of this Act, are
11 not intended by the legislature to confirm long-term benefits on municipalities receiving financial
12 assistance under those provisions.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 29.35.020(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) A municipality may adopt an ordinance to exercise a power authorized by this
15 subsection [PROTECT ITS WATER SUPPLY AND WATERSHED,] and may enforce the
16 ordinance outside its boundaries. Before a [THIS] power authorized by this subsection may
17 be exercised inside the boundaries of another municipality, the approval of the other municipality
18 must be given by ordinance, and before a power authorized by this subsection may be
19 exercised inside a village, as that term is defined by AS 46.08.900, the approval of the
20 village must be given by resolution. A municipality intending to exercise its authority under
21 this subsection shall act by ordinance, and may adopt an ordinance under this subsection

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2 (1) protect its water supply and watershed; or

3 (2) contain, clean up, or prevent the release or threatened release of oil or
4 a hazardous substance that may pose an imminent or substantial threat to persons,
5 property, or natural resources within the municipality's boundaries; however, this
6 paragraph does not authorize a municipality to enforce an ordinance outside its boundaries
7 to regulate exploration, development, production, or transportation of oil, gas, or minerals
8 in a manner inconsistent with the state's management of those resources, and enforcement
9 of the ordinance must be consistent with a regional master plan prepared by the
10 Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.04.210; in this paragraph,
11 "natural resources" has the meaning given in AS 46.03.826.

12 * Sec. 3. AS 29.35.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (e) In this section, "village"

14 (1) means the area within a five-mile radius of the village post office or, if there
15 is no post office, another site designated by the commissioner;

16 (2) does not include an area described in (1) of this subsection that is within a
17 city or another village.

18 * Sec. 4. AS 29.35.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 (d) A first class borough that exercises power necessary to contain, clean up, or prevent
20 a release or threatened release of oil or a hazardous substance, and exercise a power granted to
21 a municipality under AS 46.04, AS 46.08, or AS 46.09 shall exercise its authority in a manner
22 that is consistent with a regional master plan prepared by the Department of Environmental
23 Conservation under AS 46.04.210.

24 * Sec. 5. AS 29.35.210(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (13) contain, clean up, or prevent a release or threatened release of oil or a
26 hazardous substance, and exercise a power granted to a municipality under AS 46.04, AS 46.08,
27 or AS 46.09; the borough shall exercise its authority under this paragraph in a manner that is
28 consistent with a regional master plan prepared by the Department of Environmental
29 Conservation under AS 46.04.210.

30 * Sec. 6. AS 29.35.220 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (e) A third class borough may by ordinance exercise power necessary to contain, clean
2 up, or prevent a release or threatened release of oil or a hazardous substance, and exercise a
3 power granted to a municipality under AS 46.04, AS 46.08, or AS 46.09, but the power
4 authorized by this subsection may be exercised only on a nonareawide basis. The borough shall
5 exercise its authority under this subsection in a manner that is consistent with a regional master
6 plan prepared by the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.04.210.

7 * Sec. 7. AS 29.60 is amended by adding new sections to read:

8 ARTICLE 6. OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE MUNICIPAL
9 IMPACT ASSISTANCE.

10 Sec. 29.60.500. PURPOSE AND POLICY. (a) The legislature finds and declares that
11 a major release of oil or hazardous substances into the environment presents a real and substantial
12 threat to the economy and public welfare of the municipalities and villages that are affected by
13 the release and the resultant activities to contain and clean up the release.

14 (b) The legislature concludes that it is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to
15 provide a readily available fund for the payment of the expenses incurred by municipalities and
16 villages to mitigate the social and economic effects that arise out of a major release of oil or
17 hazardous substances and resultant cleanup activities.

18 (c) It is the intent of the legislature and declared to be the public policy of the state that
19 money to defray the cost of social and economic effects on municipalities and villages arising
20 from a major release of oil or a hazardous substance and resultant cleanup activities and to pay
21 for efforts to abate that release will be immediately available upon

22 (1) a determination by the governor that the release exceeds 2,500 barrels of oil,
23 or exceeds an amount of a hazardous substance that when released into the environment presents
24 a real and substantial threat to the economy and public welfare of the municipalities or villages
25 affected by it;

26 (2) the declaration by the governor of a disaster emergency relating to the release;
27 and

28 (3) a finding by the governor that

29 (A) the release of the oil or hazardous substance into the environment
30 presents a real and substantial threat to the economy and public welfare of the

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1 municipalities and villages that are affected by the release and by the resultant activities
2 to contain and clean up the release; and

3 (B) it is in the best interest of the state to pay the expenses incurred by
4 municipalities and villages to mitigate the social and economic effects that arise out of
5 the release of the oil or the hazardous substance and the resultant cleanup activities.

6 Sec. 29.60.510. MUNICIPAL IMPACT GRANTS AUTHORIZED. (a) The
7 commissioner may use money from the oil and hazardous substance release response fund to
8 make grants to a municipality or village that is affected by the release or by the response to the
9 release and that demonstrates that the release or response to the release involves extraordinary
10 expenditures that are beyond the reasonable capability of the municipality or village to meet from
11 the current revenue sources of the municipality or village if

12 (1) the governor determines that a release of oil or a hazardous substance exceeds
13 2,500 barrels of oil, or exceeds an amount of a hazardous substance that, when released into the
14 environment, presents a threat to the economy and public welfare of the municipalities and
15 villages affected by it at least equivalent in effect to the effect of a release of oil in an amount
16 defined by this paragraph;

17 (2) the release has been proclaimed a disaster emergency by the governor under
18 AS 26.23.020; and

19 (3) the governor finds that

20 (A) the release of the oil or hazardous substance into the environment
21 presents a real and substantial threat to the economy and public welfare of the
22 municipalities and villages that are affected by the release and by the resultant activities
23 to contain and clean up the release; and

24 (B) it is in the best interest of the state to pay the expenses incurred by
25 municipalities and villages to mitigate the social and economic effects that arise out of
26 the release of the oil or the hazardous substance and the resultant cleanup activities.

27 (b) For each disaster emergency declared by the governor under AS 26.23.020, and
28 subject to agreement with the commissioner of environmental conservation as to the amount of
29 money in the fund that may be used by the department to make grants, the commissioner may
30 expend not more than \$10,000,000 of the balance of the fund that is appropriated to the spill

1 reserve or of the unrestricted balance of the fund for grants authorized under this section. If the
2 commissioner and the commissioner of environmental conservation do not agree on the amount
3 of money in the fund that may be used by the department to make grants under AS 29.60.500 -
4 29.60.599, the governor shall make the determination.

5 (c) Notwithstanding the limitation of AS 37.07.080(e) against the transfer of money
6 between appropriations, when the commissioner and the commissioner of environmental
7 conservation have agreed to the amount of money in the fund that may be used by the
8 department to make grants, or when that determination has been made by the governor, the
9 commissioner of environmental conservation shall promptly transfer that amount to the
10 department for use under AS 29.60.500 - 29.60.599.

11 (d) For money that has been transferred under (c) of this section, if within any one-year
12 period thereafter the commissioner does not use the money to make a grant under AS 29.60.500 -
13 29.60.599, the commissioner shall, at the direction of the governor or the request of the
14 commissioner of environmental conservation, return the unexpended amount transferred under
15 (c) of this section to the fund.

16 Sec. 29.60.520. PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL IMPACT GRANTS. (a) A grant made
17 under AS 29.60.510 may be made

18 (1) only for

19 (A) provision of subsistence resources on which the residents of the
20 municipality or village rely for subsistence needs;

21 (B) the additional costs of a reasonable and appropriate function or
22 service, including administrative expenses for the incremental costs of providing the
23 function or service, limited to:

24 (i) public health and welfare functions and services, including
25 hospital, clinic, and emergency medical services; alcohol, drug abuse, and mental
26 health services; family support services; and the operation of waste disposal
27 systems and water quality improvement systems;

28 (ii) public safety functions and services, including police
29 protection, search and rescue, and fire protection;

30 (iii) public utility functions and services, including the operation

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1 of electric generating plants and distribution systems, water supply systems,
2 telephone systems, and fuel distribution systems; and

3 (iv) housing functions and services, limited to leasing or making
4 other arrangements for temporary housing to be occupied by persons associated
5 with containment or clean up of the release;

6 (C) costs associated with leasing transportation facilities for use in
7 activities associated with the containment or clean up;

8 (D) costs of repair or replacement of equipment or a capital asset
9 associated with a function or service set out in (B) of this paragraph the useful life of
10 which has been substantially reduced by use associated with the containment or clean up;
11 and

12 (2) to compensate the municipality or village for

13 (A) the reduction of revenue attributable to the release of the oil or
14 hazardous substance; and

15 (B) the costs of projects or activities that are delayed or lost because of
16 the efforts of the municipality or village responding to the release or associated with the
17 containment or cleanup of oil or the hazardous substance.

18 (b) If money received under this section is used for a capital expenditure the
19 commissioner may require the municipality or village that acquired the item as a capital
20 expenditure to transfer it to the state at the end of the period during which the item is actually
21 used for spill response if the commissioner finds that retention of the item would confer an
22 inappropriate benefit on the municipality or village.

23 **Sec. 29.60.530. CRITERIA TO EVALUATE GRANT APPLICATIONS.** (a) In
24 determining whether an expenditure or proposed expenditure by a municipality or village is
25 eligible for a grant under AS 29.60.510, the department shall consider

26 (1) the degree to which the effect on the municipality or village is directly caused
27 by the oil or hazardous substance release or the response to the release;

28 (2) the availability of money to the recipient from other sources that can meet the
29 costs of providing the functions or services; and

30 (3) the severity of the effect addressed in the grant application.

1 (b) The department may reject an application for a grant under AS 29.60.510 or approve
2 an application for a grant in an amount that is less than the amount requested by a municipality
3 or village if the department determines that payment of the amount requested is not warranted
4 under (a) of this section.

5 (c) The department shall adopt, by regulation, criteria by which to rank all or a portion
6 of applications for the purpose of establishing the priority order of awarding grants if money
7 requested by eligible municipalities and villages under this section exceeds the amount available.
8 The criteria must be based on the elements set out in (a) of this section. If the total amount of
9 money requested by eligible municipalities and villages under this section exceeds the amount
10 available, the department shall rank applications for the purpose of establishing the priority order
11 of awarding grants in accordance with the regulations.

12 Sec. 29.60.540. LIMITATIONS ON USES OF GRANTS BY MUNICIPALITIES AND
13 VILLAGES. (a) A municipality may not use a grant made under AS 29.60.510 to reduce
14 current municipal tax rates or to retire its existing bonded indebtedness.

15 (b) Money received by a municipality or village under AS 29.60.500 - 29.60.599 may
16 not be used for a capital improvement, as that term is defined by AS 46.08.900(1).

17 Sec. 29.60.550. RECORDS. The department shall maintain records showing the income
18 and expenses of grants made under AS 29.60.510, and shall develop procedures governing the
19 expenditure of, and accounting for, money expended.

20 Sec. 29.60.560. IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIAL PLANS. (a) For each
21 disaster emergency declared by the governor under AS 26.23.020 based on a release of oil or a
22 hazardous substance, the commissioner, after consulting with and securing the written approval
23 of the attorney general and after consulting with other state agencies, shall

24 (1) make an assessment of the social and economic effects of the release of the
25 oil or hazardous substance;

26 (2) develop a plan to

27 (A) recover the cost of release-related expenditures; and

28 (B) mitigate the social and economic effects of the release of the oil or
29 hazardous substance on the municipalities, the villages, and the region in which the
30 discharge occurs;

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1 (b) The commissioner may make the assessment and plans required by (a) of this section
2 by

- 3 (1) using staff of the department;
4 (2) contracting with a municipality or other entity; or
5 (3) authorizing a municipality or other entity to perform that work and supporting
6 that effort by a grant.

7 (c) Only one assessment and one plan may be completed under this section for each
8 declaration of a disaster emergency.

9 (d) The commissioner may pay the costs of the assessment, the plan, and the recovery
10 of the cost of release-related expenditures from money available in the fund.

11 (e) Expenditures made under this section may be made only from the amount transferred
12 to the commissioner under AS 29.60.510(c), unless

- 13 (1) the commissioner and the commissioner of environmental conservation
14 mutually agree that payment may be made from money in the oil and hazardous substance release
15 response fund not transferred under AS 29.60.510(c); or
16 (2) the commissioner pays them from another source.

17 Sec. 29.60.590. REGULATIONS. The commissioner and the commissioner of
18 environmental conservation shall jointly develop and adopt regulations that are necessary to
19 implement the purposes of AS 29.60.500 - 29.60.599.

20 Sec. 29.60.599. DEFINITIONS. In AS 29.60.500 - 29.60.599,

- 21 (1) "barrel" when used with reference to oil has the meaning given by
22 AS 43.20.072;
23 (2) "containment and cleanup" has the meaning given in AS 46.08.900;
24 (3) "disaster emergency" means a disaster declared by the governor under
25 AS 26.23.020;
26 (4) "fund" means the oil and hazardous substance release response fund
27 established by AS 46.08.010;
28 (5) "hazardous substance" has the meaning given in AS 46.09.900;
29 (6) "oil" and "release" have the meanings given in AS 46.08.900;
30 (7) "service"

(A) means a function performed or service provided by a municipality under a duty or power authorized by this title or by another provision of law authorizing a municipality to perform functions or provide services, or a comparable function performed or service provided by a village;

(B) includes functions not previously performed and services not previously provided by the municipality or village;

(8) "village" means a place within the unorganized borough or within a borough if the power, function, or service for which a grant application is submitted under AS 29.60.500 - 29.60.599 is not exercised or provided by the borough on an areawide or nonareawide basis at the time the grant application is submitted, that

(A) has irrevocably waived, in a form approved by the Department of Law, any claim of sovereign immunity that might arise in connection with the use of grant money under this chapter; and

(B) has

(i) a council organized under 25 U.S.C. 476 (sec. 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act);

(ii) a traditional village council recognized by the United States as eligible for federal aid to Indians; or

(iii) a council recognized by the commissioner under regulations adopted by the department to determine and give official recognition of village entities under AS 44.47.150(b).

* Sec. 8. AS 46.03.760(e) is amended to read:

(e) In addition to liability under (a) - (d) of this section, a person who violates or causes or permits to be violated a provision of AS 46.03.740 - 46.03.750 is liable to the state, in a civil action brought under AS 46.03.822, for the full amount of actual damages caused to the state by the violation, including

(1) direct and indirect costs associated with the abatement, containment, or removal of the pollutant;

(2) [,] restoration of the environment to its former state;

(3) amounts paid as grants under AS 29.60.510 - 29.60.599 and as emergency

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1 first response advances and reimbursements under AS 46.08.070(c); [.] and

2 (4) all incidental administrative costs.

3 * Sec. 9. AS 46.03.822(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision or rule of law and subject only to the defenses
5 set out in (b) of this section and the exception set out in (i) of this section, the following persons
6 are strictly liable, jointly and severally, for damages to persons or property, whether public or
7 private, including damage to the natural resources of the state or municipality, [AND] for the
8 costs of response, containment, removal, or remedial action incurred by the state, [OR] a
9 municipality, or a village, and for the additional costs of a function or service, including
10 administrative expenses for the incremental costs of providing the function or service, that
11 are incurred by the state, a municipality, or a village, and the costs of projects or activities
12 that are delayed or lost because of the efforts of the state, the municipality, or the village,
13 resulting from an unpermitted release of a hazardous substance or, with respect to response costs,
14 the substantial threat of an unpermitted release of a hazardous substance;

15 (1) the owner of, and the person having control over, the hazardous substance at
16 the time of the release or threatened release; this paragraph does not apply to a consumer product
17 in consumer use;

18 (2) the owner and the operator of a vessel or facility, from which there is a
19 release, or a threatened release that causes the incurrence of response costs, of a hazardous
20 substance;

21 (3) any person who at the time of disposal of any hazardous substance owned or
22 operated any facility or vessel at which the hazardous substances were disposed of, from which
23 there is a release, or a threatened release that causes the incurrence of response costs, of a
24 hazardous substance;

25 (4) any person who by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for disposal or
26 treatment, or arranged with a transporter for transport for disposal or treatment, of hazardous
27 substances owned or possessed by the person, other than domestic sewage, or by any other party
28 or entity, at any facility or vessel owned or operated by another party or entity and containing
29 hazardous substances, from which there is a release, or a threatened release that causes the
30 incurrence of response costs, of a hazardous substance;

1 (5) any person who accepts or accepted any hazardous substances, other than
2 refined oil, for transport to disposal or treatment facilities, vessels or sites selected by the person,
3 from which there is a release, or a threatened release that causes the incurrence of response costs,
4 of a hazardous substance.

5 * Sec. 10. AS 46.03.822(h) is amended to read:

6 (h) The state, [OR] a municipality, or a village is not liable under this section for costs
7 or damages as a result of actions taken in response to an emergency created by a release or
8 threatened release of a hazardous substance generated by or from a facility or vessel owned by
9 another person unless the actions taken by the state, the [OR] municipality, or the village
10 constitute gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

11 * Sec. 11. AS 46.03.900 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

12 (35) "service" means a function performed or service provided by the state or by
13 a municipality under a duty or power authorized by AS 29 or other provision of law authorizing
14 a municipality to perform functions or provide services, or a comparable function performed or
15 service provided by a village; "service" includes functions not previously performed and services
16 not previously provided;

17 (36) "village" means a place within the unorganized borough or within a borough
18 as to a power, function, or service that is not exercised or provided by the borough on an
19 areawide or nonareawide basis that

20 (A) has irrevocably waived, in a form approved by the Department of
21 Law, any claim of sovereign immunity that might arise under this chapter; and

22 (B) has

23 (i) a council organized under 25 U.S.C. 476 (sec. 16 of the Indian
24 Reorganization Act);

25 (ii) a traditional village council recognized by the United States as
26 eligible for federal aid to Indians; or

27 (iii) a council recognized by the commissioner of community and
28 regional affairs under regulations adopted by the Department of Community and
29 Regional Affairs to determine and give official recognition of village entities
30 under AS 44.47.150(b).

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1 * Sec. 12. AS 46.04.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2 (f) In fulfilling its responsibilities under (e) of this section, the department shall consult
3 with the governing bodies of municipalities and villages.

4 * Sec. 13. AS 46.04.900(5) is amended to read:

5 (5) "containment and cleanup" includes all direct and indirect efforts associated
6 with the prevention, abatement, containment, or removal of a pollutant, and the restoration of the
7 environment to its former state; when applied to expenses, the term includes the additional
8 costs of providing a reasonable and appropriate function or service incurred in response to
9 the discharge of a pollutant, including], AND ALL INCIDENTAL] administrative expenses
10 for the incremental costs of providing the function or service;

11 * Sec. 14. AS 46.04.900 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

12 (20) "service" means a function performed or service provided by the state,
13 including functions not previously performed and services not previously provided by the state;

14 (21) "village" means a place within the unorganized borough or within a borough
15 as to a power, function, or service that is not exercised or provided by the borough on an
16 areawide or nonareawide basis that

17 (A) has irrevocably waived, in a form approved by the Department of
18 Law, any claim of sovereign immunity that might arise under this chapter; and

19 (B) has

20 (i) a council organized under 25 U.S.C. 476 (sec. 16 of the Indian
21 Reorganization Act);

22 (ii) a traditional village council recognized by the United States as
23 eligible for federal aid to Indians; or

24 (iii) a council recognized by the commissioner of community and
25 regional affairs under regulations adopted by the Department of Community and
26 Regional Affairs to determine and give official recognition of village entities
27 under AS 44.47.150(b).

28 * Sec. 15. AS 46.08.040(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) In addition to money in the fund that is transferred to the commissioner of
30 community and regional affairs to make grants under AS 29.60.510 and to pay for impact

1 assessments under AS 29.60.560, the [THE] commissioner of environmental conservation may
2 use money from the fund to

3 (1) investigate and evaluate the release or threatened release of oil or a hazardous
4 substance, and contain, clean up, and take other necessary action, such as monitoring and
5 assessing, to address a release or threatened release of oil or a hazardous substance that poses
6 an imminent and substantial threat to the public health or welfare, or to the environment;

7 (2) pay all costs incurred to

8 (A) establish and maintain the oil and hazardous substance response office;

9 (B) review oil discharge prevention and contingency plans submitted under
10 AS 46.04.030;

11 (C) conduct training, response exercises, inspections, and tests, in order
12 to verify equipment inventories and ability to prevent and respond to oil and hazardous
13 substance release emergencies, and to undertake other activities intended to verify or
14 establish the preparedness of the state, a municipality, or a party required by
15 AS 46.04.030 to have an approved contingency plan to act in accordance with that plan;
16 and

17 (D) verify or establish proof of financial responsibility required by
18 AS 46.04.040;

19 (3) pay the expenses incurred by the Alaska division of emergency services for
20 the oil and hazardous substance response corps and the oil and hazardous substance response
21 depots when presented with appropriate documentation by the division;

22 (4) provide matching funds for participation in federal oil discharge cleanup
23 activities and under 42 U.S.C. 9601 - 9657 (Comprehensive Environmental Response,
24 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980);

25 (5) recover the costs [COST] to the state, [OR TO] a municipality, or a village
26 of a containment and cleanup resulting from the release or the threatened release of oil or a
27 hazardous substance;

28 (6) prepare, review, and revise

29 (A) the state's master oil and hazardous substance discharge prevention
30 and contingency plan required by AS 46.04.200; and

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1 (B) a regional master oil and hazardous substance discharge prevention
2 and contingency plan required by AS 46.04.210; and

3 (7) restore the environment by addressing the effects of an oil or hazardous
4 substance release.

5 * Sec. 16. AS 46.08.070(c) is amended to read:

6 (c) The department shall [MAY] reimburse a municipality or village for actual expenses,
7 other than normal operating expenses, incurred in the abatement of a release or threatened release
8 and may advance money to a municipality or village to carry out an emergency first
9 response to a release or threatened release of oil or a hazardous substance if

10 (1) the municipality or village has entered into an agreement with the
11 commissioner under AS 46.04.020(e) or AS 46.09.020(e); and

12 (2) the commissioner determines that

13 (A) the expenses to be reimbursed were for a necessary emergency first
14 response to a release or threatened release that, at the time of the release or threatened
15 release, posed an imminent and substantial threat to the public health or welfare, or to
16 the environment;

17 (B) the municipality or village has demonstrated a need for financial
18 assistance, and the money to be advanced is necessary to enable the municipality or
19 village to carry out an emergency first response to a release or threatened release
20 that, at the time of the release or threatened release, poses an imminent and
21 substantial threat to the public health or welfare, or to the environment; and

22 (C) containment and cleanup efforts paid for in whole or in part by
23 a reimbursement or an advance made under this section were consistent with the
24 regional master plan for the region in which the municipality or village is located if
25 a plan has been prepared by the department under AS 46.04.210.

26 * Sec. 17. AS 46.08.900(3) is amended to read:

27 (3) "containment and cleanup" includes the direct and indirect efforts associated
28 with the prevention, abatement, containment, or removal of oil or a hazardous substance, and the
29 restoration of the environment; when applied to expenses, the term includes the additional
30 costs of providing a reasonable and appropriate function or service incurred in response to

1 the release of the oil or hazardous substance, including [AND INCIDENTAL] administrative
2 expenses for the incremental costs of providing the function or service;

3 * Sec. 18. AS 46.08.900 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

4 (11) "service"

5 (A) means a function performed or service provided by a municipality
6 under a duty or power authorized by AS 29 or by another provision of law authorizing
7 a municipality to perform functions or provide services, or a comparable function
8 performed or service provided by a village;

9 (B) includes functions not previously performed and services not
10 previously provided by the municipality or village;

11 (12) "village" means a place within the unorganized borough or within a borough
12 if the power, function, or service for which a grant application under AS 29.60.510 is submitted
13 is not exercised or provided by the borough on an areawide or nonareawide basis at the time the
14 grant application is submitted that

15 (A) has irrevocably waived, in a form approved by the Department of
16 Law, any claim of sovereign immunity that might arise in connection with the use of
17 grant money under this chapter; and

18 (B) has

19 (i) a council organized under 25 U.S.C. 476 (sec. 16 of the Indian
20 Reorganization Act);

21 (ii) a traditional village council recognized by the United States as
22 eligible for federal aid to Indians; or

23 (iii) a council recognized by the commissioner of community and
24 regional affairs under regulations adopted by the Department of Community and
25 Regional Affairs to determine and give official recognition of village entities
26 under AS 44.47.150(b).

27 * Sec. 19. AS 46.09.060(b) is amended to read:

28 (b) Authority to contain, clean up, or prevent a release or threatened release of oil or of
29 a hazardous substance, and to exercise other powers necessary to implement this chapter,
30 AS 46.04, and AS 46.08, are granted to municipalities that do not otherwise have that authority.

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1 Except as provided in (a) of this section, a municipality may exercise its police power within the
2 area of the municipality.

3 * Sec. 20. AS 46.09.900(2) is amended to read:

4 (2) "containment and cleanup" includes the direct and indirect efforts associated
5 with the prevention, abatement, containment, or removal of a hazardous substance, and the
6 restoration of the environment; when applied to expenses, the term includes the additional
7 costs of providing a reasonable and appropriate function or service incurred in response to
8 the release of the hazardous substance, including [, AND INCIDENTAL] administrative
9 expenses for the incremental costs of providing the function or service;

10 * Sec. 21. AS 46.09.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

11 (8) "service" means a function performed or service provided by the state,
12 including functions not previously performed and services not previously provided by the state.

13 * Sec. 22. Sections 9 and 11 of this Act are retroactive to March 24, 1989.

14 * Sec. 23. APPLICABILITY. The amendments made by secs. 7, 8, 15, and 16 of this Act do not
15 apply to a release of oil or a hazardous substance and resultant cleanup activities or to efforts to respond
16 to or abate that release if the release occurred before the effective date of this Act.

17 * Sec. 24. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).