U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District



Building and Preserving
Alaska's Future

MISSION

Alaska District provides a full spectrum of quality engineering, science, technical, and construction support services in support of peacetime and contingency operations in Alaska as well as throughout the Pacific Region and the world.



Moose at Alaska District Headquarters on Elmendorf Air Force Base

WHERE WE LIVE AND WORK

We are responsible for projects in the entire state of Alaska, an area one-fifth the size of the contiguous 48 states (Lower 48). The state supplies 50 percent of the United States' fish harvest and 25 percent of the nation's oil production. Tourism is also important to the state's economy. The climate ranges from lush rainforest in Southeast to vast, panoramic arctic desert on the North Slope. The District reports to Pacific Ocean Division, headquartered in Hawaii.

We employ approximately 500 professional Department of Defense civilians. We are headquartered on Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, a cosmopolitan city in a wilderness setting. With 277,000 people, Anchorage hosts 42 percent of the state's population. High-rise buildings shape the city's skyline. Like any large city, Anchorage has performing arts, museums, shopping, restaurants and hotels. These amenities exist alongside mountain peaks and miles of biking, hiking and skiing trails.

Our Northern Area Office on Fort Wainwright, near Fairbanks, manages construction north of the Alaska Mountain Range and our Southern Area Office on Fort Richardson, near Anchorage, manages construction south of the Alaska Range.

WE ARE A FULL SERVICE DISTRICT

The Alaska District is a full service district with three major programs, military construction, water resources development, and environmental cleanup/restoration activities. We also have significant programs in contracting, operations and maintenance, and real estate. We regulate activities in waters and wetlands under authority of the clean Water Act and the Rivers and Harbors Act.

Our programs are highly visible in the military and local communities and are deep seated in Alaskan history. We apply extensive cold regions expertise enhanced by a partnership with the Engineering Research Development Center's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Labs.

Our professionals assist and collaborate with military, federal, state, local and Native entities with planning, engineering studies, design, environmental science studies, construction, contracting, real estate, emergency operations, and regulatory projects and services.

The District supports the Global War on Terrorism and the Nation's disaster response. Our people are helping to rebuild infrastructure in Iraq and Afghanistan, while assisting many Atlantic and Pacific Ocean and Gulf of Mexico communities with hurricane and typhoon recovery.



MILITARY PROGRAM

Alaska District has one of the largest military programs in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We have a military construction workload of approximately \$500 million per year. We are the primary design and construction agent for the Army and the Air Force in Alaska. The facilities that we build support our Nation's Soldiers and Airmen by improving their quality of life and furthering their readiness for their mission, including the Global War on Terrorism. Many of our projects are technically challenging as they incorporate the latest state-of-the-art features in materials and electronic and utility systems.

Our projects support the changing military strategy and Army Transformation. The Army is creating smaller highly mobile forces that can be deployed anywhere in the world in just a few hours. Alaska's location has the strategic advantage of being equidistant of all the hot spots in Europe, Asia and the Pacific Theater. Our projects support the Army's Stryker Brigade and Aviation Task Force at Fort Wainwright, the Air Force's bed down of the C-17 transport aircraft and the F-22 Fighter jet at Elmendorf Air Force Base, and the Army's Airborne Brigade at Fort Richardson.

One of our largest military projects replaced the Army's hospital at Fort Wainwright. We also recently constructed support facilities (missile silos, communications and controls facilities) for the Ground-Based Mid-Course Defense System in Alaska.

Alaska District received the Design Through Construction Agent of the Year award in 2007 for delivering the Pacific Air Forces' program on time, in excess of the quality required, and within cost. The District also received the Concept Design award for the replacement chapel project on Eielson Air Force Base and Facility Design award for the add/alter physical fitness center on Elmendorf Air Force Base.



Bassett Replacement Hospital, Fort Wainwright



Army family housing at Siku Basin, Fort Wainwright



Fitness center, Eielson Air Force Base



Hydrant fueling system, Eielson Air Force Base

CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM

Our Civil Works program managers work with the State of Alaska, boroughs, other federal agencies, tribal entities, non-government organizations and local communities throughout the state to design and build new harbors, expand existing harbors, provide flood risk management and erosion protection, and restore damaged environmental habitat.

We also conduct maintenance dredging in support of Alaska's commerce. The District dredges five harbors annually and 40 harbors periodically. We maintain navigation channels at several other communities. Engineers annually inspect 13 flood and erosion mitigation projects, which were built by the Federal government but are maintained by local governments. We are constructing several environmental protection and restoration projects in partnership with city and borough governments. We can help communities protect their public infrastructure with erosion mitigation and flood risk management projects.

The Tribal Partnership Program allows cost-shared studies to be performed for tribal entities. Initial funding under this authority is allowing the District to initiate a review of erosion and flood risk management needs and to evaluate requirements and conduct the planning for potential relocation of native villages that are threatened by nature's forces.

The District's largest civil works project is the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project, which protects Fairbanks, the state's second largest population center, and the Army's Fort Wainwright post from devastating flooding. The project is the Corps of Engineers' farthest north flood risk management dam and farthest north recreation facility in the nation.

Using our Interagency and International Services (IIS) authorities, the District provides design and construction management support to other Federal agencies in their quest to provide needed infrastructure.



New small boat harbor at False Pass



Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project near Fairbanks



Under a contract with the Alaska District, a contractor places rock revetment at Shishmaref. Coastal erosion threatens buildings, fuel tanks and roads in several remote Alaskan villages.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

The Environmental Program is a major part of the total Alaska District workload with three areas of emphasis.

Under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, the District has identified over 600 Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). The environmental cleanup under this program is estimated to continue beyond 2020 with approximately \$900 million worth of cleanup work yet to be completed.

The District manages the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP) for the entire state. Under NALEMP, the District enters into cooperative agreements with federally recognized tribes that have been impacted by military activity. Working with the tribes instead of contractors, the District helps the tribe take control of the impacts and complete the mitigation using tribal resources and federal funding. With over 600 former military sites and 229 tribes, there are many impacts to address in Alaska. The District has approximately 35 active cooperative agreements.

The District also manages projects under the Army Environmental Program, the Air Force Environmental Program, and the Interagency and International Services (IIS) cleanup programs. Primary customers of IIS include the Federal Aviation Administration, the USDA Forest Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Coast Guard.



Alaska District uses laser-induced fluorescence at the Amaknak Formerly Used Defense Site at Dutch Harbor.



Excavation of PCB contaminated soils in Lower Drury Gulch, Kodiak Island.



Through a joint effort, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, and the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory remediated a munitions impact area at Eagle River Flats that had been poisoning ducks and swans.



Remediation of drum site at Moses Point

SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The Alaska District fully supports the federal government's policy to preserve our nation's free competitive enterprise, and to ensure that a fair proportion of the purchases and contracts for property and services for the government be placed with small business enterprises. The Office of Small Business Program's mission is to sustain the Corps of Engineers as a premier organization in developing small businesses and maximizing their opportunities to participate in our work, thereby ensuring a strong economic base for our nation.



A small business contractor is building a new chapel at Eielson Air Force Base.



A small business contractor constructed the interim facilities at Fort Wainwright to support the re-stationing of the 4th Batallion, 23rd Infantry Regiment.

WE PROVIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

The District's Emergency Management Office provides quality and responsive disaster assistance in civil emergencies throughout the United States and support for military contingency response around the world. Alaska District has deployed staff members to support recovery from various hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornados, as well as flooding events, both in the State of Alaska and the Lower 48 as needed. Some years we have had a high rate of deployments (63 members responded to the 2005 events) due to the nature and severity of the disasters. We also deploy our staff in support of the Global War on Terrorism (Iraq and Afghanistan); as well as natural events such as the humanitarian assistance to the Philippines, Indian Ocean Tsunami in Thailand and the Indonesian Earthquake.



The Alaska District's Emergency Operations Center is staffed around the clock during emergencies.



Emergency responders gather at Fort Richardson for a cold weather response workshop to prepare for winter no-notice events.

REGULATORY PROGRAM

The District's Regulatory Program plays a large role in Alaska's development, particularly in the North Slope oil and gas fields and with major mining and highway projects statewide. The District regulates the discharge of fill material in waters and wetlands under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and all work in navigable waters under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Wetlands cover nearly half of Alaska, over 170 million acres. The District receives more than 2,000 permit actions per year.



The Regulatory Division sends biologists and environmental scientists to the field for wetlands determinations.

WE ARE THE MILITARY'S REAL ESTATE AGENT

The Alaska District's Real Estate Division provides real estate services to the military in Alaska and provides real estate support to the nation in times of need, disaster and/or military contingencies. Our services to the military include appraisals, land acquisition for permanent or temporary use, lease acquisition for the military's housing program, and management and disposal of property under military control (approximately 2 million acres in Alaska). We serve as executive agent for the Department of Defense Recruiting Program. We also acquire the necessary interest for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program/Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP/FUDS) program.

In addition to our service to the military, we perform all real estate activities for acquisition of property for civil works projects and acquisition of real property interests for other federal agencies. Our full service Real Estate Division administers the Uniform Relocation Assistance Program and processes real estate claims under the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) program.

TRIBAL LIAISON PROGRAM

The tribal liaison implements the Department of Defense American Indian Policy; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Guidance Letter No. 57, Indian sovereignty and Government-to-Government Relations With Indian Tribes and Alaska District Policy Letter No. 13, Alaska District Tribal Policy for the Alaska District of the Corps of Engineers. The tribal liaison implements these policies with Tribes by working to establish and maintain working relationships with the 229 federally recognized tribes in Alaska affected by Corps projects, actions and/or activities.

WE EMPHASIZE SAFETY

The District has a comprehensive safety program to keep the government workforce safe and to assist construction contractors in exceeding Corps safety standards. Safety is the core of the Alaska District's operations. The Celebrate Safety Program is a Construction-Operations Division program that provides recognition to contractors and government field personnel for outstanding safety performance.



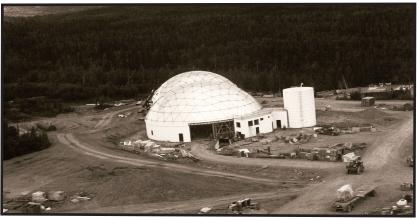
Alaska District Commander Col. Kevin Wilson presents safety awards at the Celebrate Safety banquet.

CORPS HISTORY IN ALASKA

The Alaska District was chartered in 1946 to design and construct wartime military facilities before statehood when Alaska was a territory of the United States. However, the Corps of Engineers' presence in what became the 49th state dates back to 1867 when Alaska was purchased from Russia. The Corps of Engineers explored and surveyed much of the newly acquired land. During the late 1890s Army engineers began investigating Alaska's harbors and rivers. In 1916 Army engineers constructed two jetties at the mouth of Snake River at Nome, the site of an early Alaskan gold rush. The Corps made a significant contribution to territorial transportation in 1942 when the War Department directed Army engineers to construct the Alaska Highway between Dawson Creek in Canada to Delta Junction and Fairbanks in Alaska.



Army engineers constructed the Alaska Highway for the War Department in 1942. Construction was accomplished in only nine months.



Twin geodesic-domed structures at four Minimally Attended Radar (MAR) sites received a Department of Defense engineering and industrial design award in 1986. The project designed permanent, self-contained shelters for a new generation of radar equipment and living space for personnel.

For more information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, contact our Public Affairs Office at 907-753-2520 or view our website at http://www.poa.usace.army.mil

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Program Management Division	907-753-5770
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Real Estate Division	907-753-2859
Regulatory Division (Permits)	907-753-2712
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To apply for a job: http://www.cpol.army.mil http://www.usajobs.opm.gov

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ISO CERTIFICATION

The Alaska District received ISO certification in 2004. All of our projects are designed and constructed to meet technical international industry standards set up by the International Organization for Standardization.

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The Alaska District is committed to equal employment and affirmative action principles. All employees and applicants for employment are treated fairly without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or physical or mental disabilities.