

**Amchitka Workers Health Assessment Project****FY2002 Request: \$2,340,000****Reference No: 33987****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Amchitka**Contact:** Tom Chapple**House District:** Aleutians (HD 40)**Contact Phone:** (907)269-7634**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2004**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project carries out the Amchitka Worker's Health Assessment and Medical Screening Program for people that worked at the Amchitka Island nuclear test site.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$2,340,000						\$2,340,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$2,340,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,340,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

There have been no prior appropriation for this project.

**Project Description/Justification:**

Alaskans that have worked at the Amchitka Underground Nuclear Test site during the 1960's, 1970's and 80's might have been exposed to ionizing radiation, silica, or hazardous substances resulting in illness or death. The US Department of Energy (DOE) has committed to provide funding through ADEC to support a health assessment and medical screening program. The funding will be spent primarily under contract agreements to carry out the Amchitka Workers Health Assessment and Medical Screening program for the people that worked at Amchitka Island nuclear test site. The program will identify and locate these workers to communicate the health risks and then arrange for medical examination. Workers identified as health risks will be eligible for Workers' Compensation and/or Federal compensation. A small portion of the funding provides for the costs of a project manager responsible for program oversight and coordination.

The US Department of Energy started funding this three year project in late October 1999. DOE will be providing full funding with an estimated cost of \$2.34 million. No matching funds are required.

This project is necessary to continue uninterrupted program funding for the medical evaluation. If this project is not funded, workers needing medical evaluation may not be reached and given the medical attention they might need.