



## Backhaul Alaska Pilot Program

**What** The Backhaul Alaska program will make it affordable to ship hazardous wastes out of rural Alaska communities. Once operational, the statewide program is expected to save over one million dollars, and to ship out more waste from more communities, over current backhaul efforts.

**Pilot Phase** From FY18 to FY20, a pilot program will be implemented to evaluate Backhaul Alaska costs, operations, and impacts at the community, regional, and statewide levels. Approximately 35 villages will participate, representing a range of logistical and demographic characteristics.

**Analysis** The pilot will examine many facets including the following: internal communication protocols; regional coordinator and village backhaul team workload; material volume and composition; specific village assistance needs, obstacles in backhaul implementation; supply chain bottlenecks for bulk purchasing; uniform protocols for inventory; packing and shipping; effectiveness of training; reimbursement protocols for villages; donor appreciation plan; and payment agreements for vendors and transporters.

**Village Selection** Villages are selected based on how well their circumstances can help the program answer questions on the above facets. In the first pilot, participating villages will be nominated by several statewide service providers, tribal representatives, the State of Alaska, and EPA. In 2019, villages will have an opportunity to self-select or be nominated for the second pilot round, and will be selected by the entities above.

**Funding Status** The pilot program is nearly funded for the first pilot round beginning in FY18. Funds are needed for the second pilot round.

**Timeline** Milestones and their anticipated dates are depicted below.

