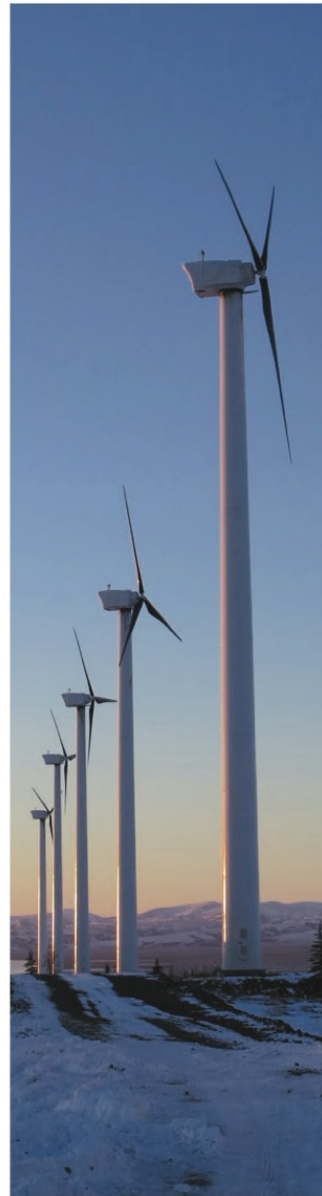


# Alaska Energy Authority News Update

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AEA's mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska

# AEA focuses on community

- Emphasizes community-based approach to projects
- Provides technical assistance, energy planning and project development/management
- Facilitates synergy between planning, projects and funding sources
- Assists communities in the move to project-ready status



# AEA's Foundation

## Energy initiatives

- Power Cost Equalization
- Rural Utility Assistance
- Power Project Fund loans
- Rural Power System Upgrades, DERA, heat recovery
- Bulk Fuel Upgrades
- Railbelt Infrastructure
- Renewable Energy projects
- Project Development & Finance Assistance

# Status updates: AEA warehouse?

Continuing Rural Utility Assistance

Operator Training

Circuit Rider

Emergency Response

Business Management Assistance



# Status updates: AO 281?



# Status updates: executive director?



# Program Updates – VW Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust (Trust):

Reduce NOx emissions to offset lifetime excess NOx emissions from affected vehicles

\$2.9 billion total, allocated proportionally based on affected vehicle distribution

- Alaska State Allocation: \$8.125 million
- Tribal Allocation: \$54.5 million

AEA designated Lead Agency to administer AK State funds

# Program updates: Energy Audits



# Program updates: REF



## RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND

STATUS REPORT AND  
ROUND IX RECOMMENDATIONS

# Project updates: Kake powerhouse



# Project updates: Hiilangaay



# Next year priorities: Project Dev & Finance

Builds on regionally led, community-vetted energy planning initiatives

Integrates agency-wide technical assistance (diesel, renewable, planning, funding, project management)

Helps communities identify cost-effective, practical projects

Assists communities in navigating complex systems, e.g. federal funding requirements, regulatory, permitting, etc.

Identifies, tracks, and helps communities/utilities access realistic project funding options

Offers financing options such as Power Project Fund loans

# Next year priorities: more biomass!





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