ANCHORAGE, AK -- The 2018 summer edition of the Alaska Justice Forum looks at environmental and rural justice topics including ongoing challenges of cleaning up contaminated sites in Alaska.

Alaska is ranked third in the U.S. for Formerly Used Defense Sites properties. Most of these properties are in remote locations, placing a disproportionate impact on Alaska Native communities that depend upon environmental resources for their livelihood. This environmental justice issue is explored in terms of the costs of cleanup and long-term impacts upon people and the environment.

This year, Congress expanded eligibility and increased limits on Brownfields Program funds. The Brownfields Programs provides funds for assessment and cleanup of contaminants on property targeted for redevelopment. Anchorage, Mat-Su and Kodiak are among current recipients of Brownfields grants in Alaska.

The Alaska Justice Information Center (AJiC) recently released its Fact Sheet, Parole and Probation in Alaska, 2002-2016. The Fact Sheet is included in the Alaska Justice Forum’s online edition.

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- Environmental justice: Challenges of contaminated site cleanup in rural Alaska
- Long-term impacts of environmental contaminants are ‘generational game changer’
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