Geoscience in Your State: Alaska
By the numbers: Alaska

- 3,736 geoscience employees (excludes self-employed)
- 315 million gallons/day: total groundwater withdrawal
• $3.53 billion: value of nonfuel mineral production in 2017
• 54 total disaster declarations, including 17 severe storm, 4 fire, and 13 flood disasters (1953-2017)
• $33.6 million: NSF GEO grants awarded in 2017

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Agencies Working on Geoscience Issues in Alaska

Alaska Department of Natural Resources
http://dnr.alaska.gov/
The Alaska Department of Natural Resources' mission is to develop, conserve and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest. The Department of Natural Resources manages all state-owned land, water and natural resources, except for fish and game, on behalf of the people of Alaska.

Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys
http://dggs.alaska.gov/
The Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) mission is to determine the potential of Alaskan land for production of metals, minerals, fuels, and geothermal resources, the locations and supplies of groundwater and construction material, and the potential geologic hazards to buildings, roads, bridges, and other installations and structures.

Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
https://www.ready.alaska.gov/
The mission of the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is to lead the way in homeland security and emergency management to foster a prepared, resilient Alaska capable of meeting the needs of its communities and citizens in response to all-hazards events.

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
http://doa.alaska.gov/ogc/
The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's mission is to protect the public interest in exploration and development of Alaska's valuable oil, gas, and geothermal resources through the application of conservation practices designed to ensure greater ultimate recovery and the protection of health, safety, fresh ground waters and the rights of all owners to recover their share of the resource.

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Interactive database for geologic maps of the United States
U.S. Geological Survey

The U.S. Geological Survey hosts the National Geologic Map Database (NGMDB). This interactive tool serves as a national archive for high-quality, standardized geologic maps created by the U.S. Geological Survey and state geological surveys. The MapView section of the NGMDB displays geologic maps...

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