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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

START: Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 5 p.m.

END: Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at 5 p.m.

**Vitus Marine Applying to Deliver Fuel to Nome via Tanker**

The Department of Environmental Conservation is working with the U.S. Coast Guard and others on a request from Vitus Marine, LLC to bring a January fuel delivery to Nome using the Russian tanker Renda, assisted by the U.S. Coast Guard vessel Healy. The tanker will be carrying approximately 36,000 barrels of diesel and gasoline.

Prior to bringing the tanker into state waters to operate during winter conditions, Vitus Marine must obtain the Department's approval for an amendment to their existing, approved oil discharge prevention and contingency plan.

The Department is accepting public comment on the plan amendment. Public comment must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2012. The public notice and a complete copy of the application for the oil discharge prevention and contingency plan amendment can be found on the Department's website at <http://dec.alaska.gov> under "public notices."

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