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### **Alaska Holds First Spill Prevention & Response Technology Conference Conference attracting international experts in latest spill technology**

**May 21, 2004—Anchorage**—The Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Spill Prevention and Response is sponsoring a Best Available Technology Conference, May 27 – 28, in Anchorage at the Egan Center. The conference, which is the first of its kind since regulations were implemented that established criteria for evaluating “best available technology,” has attracted an outstanding cadre of experts and specialists in spill prevention and response from around the world, including Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Canada, and the United States.

“Alaska has been at the forefront of spill prevention and response for over a decade,” said Environmental Commissioner Ernesta Ballard. “This conference is an opportunity to identify new and proven technological breakthroughs in oil discharge containment, control or cleanup equipment that could mean superior advances in how efficiently and effectively we can respond to oil spills.”

The objective of the conference is to review new and proven technologies used in the spill prevention and response arena. The conference will include presentations in the following six categories: leak detection for crude oil transmission pipelines; secondary containment liners for oil storage tanks; fast water booming; viscous oil pumping systems; well capping; and source control technologies. For more information and registration please see [www.signup4.com/BAT](http://www.signup4.com/BAT).

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