ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

SPILL PREVENTION, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GUIDANCE

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PURPOSE:

To clarify what size oil storage tanks should be; 1) included in the review of Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans and 2) used in determining the oil storage capacity of a facility for contingency planning purposes.

BACKGROUND:

For the purposes of this guidance a military installation or base will be considered a facility. There has been a series of discussions concerning what size oil storage tanks should be included in determining the storage capacity of a facility. There have also been some questions concerning the information about these tanks that is required to be included in the contingency plan.

APPLICABILITY:

This guidance applies to all SPPM regional and district personnel involved in reviewing Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans under AS 46.04 and 18 AAC 75.

DISCUSSION:

For the purposes of the contingency plan regulations a military base or installation is considered to be a "facility". The effective storage capacity of a facility is the sum of all the storage tanks at the facility as listed below. The following is a break down of tanks by size and what is to be included in the contingency plan:

Above 10,000 gallons - included in determining the storage capacity of the facility. All information in 18AAC 75.425(e)(3)(A) should be included in the contingency plan.

1,000 - 10,000 gallons - included in determining storage capacity of the facility. The following information should be included in the contingency plan - location, size, type of product, and a generic description of loading procedures. Format and manner for submission of this information is at the reviewer's discretion.

Below 1,000 gallons - not included in determining storage capacity of the facility. No further information required.

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