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OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN APPROVAL

Cliff Abraham, President
Northern Transportation Company Ltd.
42003 Mackenzie Highway
Hay River, Northwest Territories
Canada X0E 0R9

File number 303.30(NTCL)

Dear Mr. Abraham:

SUBJECT: Extended Plan Approval Period for Northern Transportation Co. Ltd., Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan.
ADEC Plan Number: 012-CP-3116.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has completed the review of the application for addition of one barge to the subject Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (plan). Northern Transportation Company, Ltd. (NTCL) has requested the addition of the T/B 1501 (L7732278).

The Department has determined the addition of this vessel does not diminish the NTCL's ability to respond to an oil discharge of the response-planning standard for your plan. As allowed by 18 AAC 75.415(c), if the addition of vessel does not diminish the plan holder's ability to respond to an oil discharge, the Department approves the addition of the subject vessel to the plan. New certificate number **03-CER-2518.1**, enclosed, replaces certificate **03 CER-2518**. Please insure that all the NTCL barges operating in Alaska waters have a copy of this new certificate.

Plan Title: Northern Transportation Company Ltd. Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan,
Dated - January 2001, consisting of one volume

Supporting Documents: None

Plan Holder: Northern Transportation Company Ltd.
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Covered Vessels or Facilities: T/B 1501, 1502, T/B 1503, T/B 1504, T/B 1505, T/B 1506,
T/B 1507, T/B 1508, T/B 1509, T/B 1510, T/B 1511, T/B
1512, T/B 1513, T/B 1514, T/B 1515, T/B 1516, T/B 1517,
T/B 1518, T/B 1519, T/B 1520, T/B 1521, T/B 1522, T/B
1523, T/B 1524, T/B 1525, T/B 1526, T/B 1527, T/B 1528,
T/B 1031, T/B 1032, T/B 1033.

PLAN APPROVAL: The NTCL plan and amendment is hereby approved, **effective September 10, 2004.** This approval supercedes the approval of April 27, 2003. This approval is for tank barge operations in the Northwest Arctic and North Slope regions (18 AAC 75.495) of Alaska.

This approval is subject to the following:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

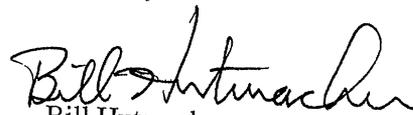
1. Meet all of the terms and conditions of the April 27, 2003 approval as amended.

EXPIRATION: This approval **expires April 4, 2007.** After the approval expires, Alaska law prohibits barge operations until an approved plan is once again in effect.

REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR MODIFICATION: This approval is effective only while the plan holder is in "compliance with the plan" as approved on April 27, 2003 and any subsequent amendments approved by the Department and with all of the terms and conditions described above. The Department may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, revoke, suspend, or require the modification of an approved plan if the plan holder is not in compliance with it, or for any other reason stated in AS 46.04.030(f). In addition, Alaska law provides that a vessel or facility that is not in "compliance with the plan" may not operate (AS 46.04.030). The Department may terminate approval prior to the expiration date if deficiencies are identified that would adversely affect spill prevention, response or preparedness capabilities.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Ballesteros at (907) 269-7539.

Sincerely,


Bill Hutmacher
Program Manager

Enclosure: Certificate of Approval, Number 01-CER-2518.01

cc: Betty Schorr, ADEC
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Sheldon Adams, North Slope Borough
Robert Ballesteros, ADEC