

**Meeting of the Southeast Cook Inlet GRS Workgroup**

May 5, 2004  
City Council Chambers  
Homer, Alaska

**Attendees:**

Ephim Anahonak- Port Graham  
Joe Banta- PWSRCAC  
Terry Bryant- CIRCAC  
CPO Don Combs- USCG MSD Kenai  
Dale Gardner- ADEC  
Mark Janes- Nuka Research

John Kwietniak- Tesoro Alaska  
PO Chris Ellison – USCG MSD Kenai  
Doug Mutter- DOI  
Paul Richie- Qualitech  
Tim Robertson- Nuka Research  
Linda Robinson- PWSRCAC  
Buzz Rome- CISPRI

John Kwietniak of Tesoro Alaska opened the workgroup meeting. He noted the success of the geographic response strategies (GRS) development process in the past and the use of these plans in response drills.

Dale Gardner of ADEC reviewed the meeting agenda and the results of the 2/24/04 workgroup meeting.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment. None was given.

Terry Bryant of CIRCAC reviewed the public input process for the site selection. Steve Howell has contacted all local governments and shareholders. He used telephone contacts and emails to notify these parties as to the GRS process taking place in SECI. Joe Banta of PWSRCAC discussed their efforts through posting on the web and discussing the site selection process during other meetings. At this time no input from the public has been received. The workgroup discussed ways to increase input using other public meetings as a forum.

Tim Robertson of Nuka Research and Planning led the discussion of the final selection of the sites for GRS development. He presented to the group information regarding the concurrent process of developing places of refuge (POR) for the State of Alaska. This project has identified Port Dick as a possible POR in this area. This will significantly raise the risk level for all the sensitive areas in Port Dick. He also pointed out significant cultural and resource concentrations in Portlock and Port Chatham.

The group discussed these areas and the areas around Nuka Island. Home Cove was nominated and similar resources were noted to exist in nearby coves. Joe Banta

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nominated Gore Point as it is a collector beach for the area, but the group felt this was a departure from the GRS process and ~~the~~ the site would be impossible to protect due to ~~its~~ its exposure. Instead, nearby GRS will note that Gore Point is an area where spilled oil would likely concentrate.

After additional discussion the following sites were chosen:

- 04- Mike's Bay
- 13- Takoma Cove
- 20- Upper West Arm-Port Dick
- 32- Chugach Passage Salmon Stream/Anderson Beach

Alternate sites to be used if any original site selections prove inappropriate for GRS are 05- Berger Bay and 34- West Perl Island Stream.

John Kwietniak reported on the plans for surveys. The Response Planning Group (RPG - PWS Tanker C-Plan holders) have provided \$5000 for the survey. The Kittiwake II out of Homer has been chartered and the survey group will leave Homer June 6. CISPRI is donating the use of two rigid hull inflatables. The survey group will consist of a CISPRI spill response technician, Paul Richie (QualiTech), an ADEC representative, John Kwietniak (Tesoro Alaska), Tim Robertson and Mark Janes (Nuka Research), and Ephim Anahonak of Port Graham Village.

Aerial photographs will be taken by Tim Robertson from a USCG helicopter on May 19.

Tim Robertson reviewed the meeting results and outlined the actions necessary for the completion of the project.

The workgroup agreed that any additional meetings of the workgroup will be called only if there are significant concerns expressed from workgroup members or the public regarding the developed GRS for the area. The co-chairs will decide whether any additional workgroup meetings are warranted.

The meeting was opened for comments and input. None was given.