

## **TECHNICAL MANUALS (REFERENCING THEM IN YOUR PLAN\*)**

Primary Response Action Contractor (PRAC) technical manuals (TMs) provide response resources and personnel that are accessible to member companies. The Spill Tactics for Alaska Responders (STAR) TM provides response tactics available to the public at no cost. The tactics are designed to be building blocks for plan holders to meet state regulations, including the development of plan scenarios.

### **AVAILABLE TECHNICAL MANUALS**

- Cook Inlet Spill Response, Inc. (CISPRI) (Cook Inlet)
- Alaska Chadux Corporation (Chadux or ACC) (Statewide)
- Southeast Petroleum Research Organization (SEAPRO) (Southeast Alaska)
- Alaska Clean Seas (ACS) (Arctic Slope)
- SERVS (available to Trans-Alaska Pipeline Shippers)
- STAR (Statewide)

### **PRAC TECHNICAL MANUALS**

A PRAC is an organization registered with the State of Alaska that is obligated under a contractual relationship with a contingency plan holder to provide personnel and/or equipment.

PRAC TMs, with the resources and equipment listed therein, are planning documents to demonstrate the potential response capabilities that the PRAC can provide for both planning and response to an oil spill.

### **THE STAR TECHNICAL MANUAL**

The State of Alaska has also developed a TM that is a public document available for any user: Spill Tactics for Alaska Responders (STAR):

**Available at:** <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/SPAR/perp/star/fieldmanual.htm>

The STAR TM provides a standardized oil spill response tactics manual specific to the State of Alaska. It is intended to be a tactical reference for oil spill planning and response activities. It is available for use by the spill response community, including federal, state, local, industry and spill response organizations throughout Alaska. The information in the STAR TM provides standard tactics and terminology that can be easily transferred to a contingency plan and can guide the plan holder in meeting their RPS.

The tactics and equipment described in the STAR TM specifically address the uniquely challenging and diverse operating environments that exist within Alaska. Because the manual identifies response priorities, it has the potential to increase spill response efficiency of oil spill response organizations and plan holders by providing guidance on the resources and capabilities required to accomplish the specific tasks likely to be encountered during a spill response. Tactic “icons” identify individual tactics within the manual.

## HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE THE TMS IN YOUR PLAN

In order for the Marine Vessels Section to approve a Plan relying on a TM:

- The TM must be in a location and form that it is easily accessible to all responders (cd and hard copy format are acceptable; website references alone are not adequately dependable)
- PRACs may not have the resources or personnel to implement all tactics listed in the TM simultaneously. Therefore, it is the plan holder's responsibility to ensure that the tactics used in the plan can be carried out effectively and within the timeframes outlined in the plan using either:
  - The PRAC's resources and personnel
  - A combination of the PRAC's and plan holder's resources and personnel
  - The plan holder's resources and personnel only
- If referencing a TM, the plan holder must reference the specific tactic, icon, section and/or page

\*This guidance does not apply to Nontank Vessel Streamlined Plans. These Plans rely on registered nontank clean-up contractors and their associated TMs. Note: clean-up contractors are approved for specific regions and are listed at the following link: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/marine-vessels/docs/nontank%20contractors%20for%20web.pdf>