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Dear DEC,

I am a biologist, and am concerned that your proposed changes will weaken DEC's oversight of oil spill prevention. The current regulations have helped minimize the number of oil spills and the damage they have caused since the Exxon Valdez spill. While it makes sense to clarify and update regulatory wording periodically, there are several changes in content that have not been clearly identified for the public. I am aware of three areas that need to be changed in the proposed revisions:

- 1) The changes should not reduce the number or frequency of required oil spill drills.
- 2) The changes should not eliminate the requirement for DEC to keep up-to-date on, and to require the latest available technology that could be used to reduce the risk of oil spills and reduce their impacts.
- 3) Regarding notification, the regulations should require notification the Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound RCACs of plan reviews, updates, and amendments, electronically or otherwise. This electronic notification is not onerous, and makes it clear that it is the DEC's responsibility to contact RCACs, not vice-versa.

Sincerely,  
Martha Raynolds