

Tara Chrisman

My name is Tara Chrisman. I live on the unceded Territory of the Lower Tanana Dene Peoples, commonly known today as Fairbanks. Thank you for allowing public comment as part of your decision process. Alaska is my home and I fear any changes that put our lands and waters at risk. I want a vibrant future for our state and a healthy future for all of our planet. I oppose any changes to ADEC's regulations that might erode oil spill prevention and response standards. Ignoring the risks of catastrophic spills and demonstrating a return to the complacency on the part of the oil industry and regulators is irresponsible and dangerous. I also remind ADEC to make their decisions informed by Indigenous knowledge. By acknowledging the original stewards of these lands and waters, Alaska Native Peoples, we also uplift a knowledge system that has deep history and relationship to the lands all Alaskans currently call home.