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**Approval Letter**

*Prince William Sound Area Contingency Plan*

*Prince William Sound AREA COMMITTEE*

 October 2022

Dear Recipient:

**Mission Statement:**

Established in 2018, the Prince William Sound Area Committee (PWSAC) manages and continuously improves upon the Area Contingency Plan, and provides a platform for consistent coordination between federal, state, tribal, and local emergency planners and responders. The PWSAC ensures expedited processes exist for exigent circumstances related to dispersant use and other mitigating substances and devices. The PWSAC is the venue for public input on all relevant government processes and scientific issues related to oil and hazardous substance spill prevention, preparedness, planning, and response within the Prince William Sound area.

Attached is the Prince William Sound Area Contingency Plan (ACP). The ACP serves as tactical and operational instructions and guidance to responders and planners preparing for a coordinated Federal, State, and local exercise and/or response to a discharge, or substantial threat of discharge of oil and/or a release of a hazardous substance in the Prince William Sound Area of Alaska. State and Federal On-Scene Coordinators shall use the ACP, in conjunction with the Regional Contingency Plan and National Contingency Plan, to inform and support the Prince William Sound Area Committee (PWSAC) as it continuously updates and improves upon building the ACP. The ACP is compliant with Section 300.210(c) of the National Contingency Plan and Alaska Statute 46.04.210.

The PWSAC, under the direction of the Co-Chairpersons, will review the ACP annually and update in accordance with relevant agency policy and in response to operational lessons learned. We welcome your ideas to improve the plan. Direct your correspondence to the following addresses:

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The ACP supersedes the *Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil & Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases (Unified Plan)* and the ten Subarea Contingency Plans.

Prince William Sound Area Contingency Plan Promulgation Letter October, 2022

The Co-Chairpersons of the Prince William Sound Area Committee (PWSAC) hereby approve this document.

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**RECORD OF CHANGES**

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| VERSION # | APPROVAL DATE | SECTION(S) | PAGE(S) | CONTEXT / REASON FOR CHANGE |
| 2020.1 | 2022 | All  | Entire Plan  | Completed annual validation of ACP in accordance with NCP (40 CFR 300.210), USCG, and State of Alaska policy. Improved grammar and readability and removed duplicate language. Streamlined plan content for sustainable plan management; for example, consolidated external references on the new [ADEC References and Tools website](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/). Updated phone numbers to reflect 907 area code dialing.New SOSC Zone map added.This plan was submitted for Public Review in May-June 2022. This revision incorporates applicable information from the 2019 Arctic and Western Alaska ACP and 2020 Southeast Alaska ACP public reviews. All proposed modifications were reviewed by federal and state planners and incorporated as appropriate. |

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**aCRONYMS AND aBBREVIATIONS**

ACS Alaska Clean Seas (North Slope industry cooperative)

ADEC Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

ADF&G Alaska Department of Fish and Game, also as ADFG

ADNR Alaska Department of Natural Resources

ADOT&PF Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

AFB Air Force Base

ANS or ANSC Alaska North Slope Crude oil

APSC Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

ARRT Alaska Regional Response Team; also as AKRRT

BBLS Barrels

BLM US Bureau of Land Management

BOA Basic Ordering Agreement (for federal contractors)

CART Central Alaska Response Team (ADEC) CCGD 17 Commander, Coast Guard District 17

CISPRI Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc. (industry cooperative)

COTP Captain of the Port (USCG)

CTAG Cultural Technical Advisory Group

DOA US Department of Agriculture

DOC US Department of Commerce

DOD US Department of Defense

DOI US Department of the Interior

DRAT District Response Advisory Team (USCG)

DRG District Response Group (USCG)

EPA Environmental Protection Agency; also as USEPA

ESC Executive Steering Committee

ESI (Alaskan) Environmental Sensitivity Index

F/V Fishing Vessel

FAA Federal Aviation Administration

FOSC Federal On-Scene Coordinator

GIS Geographic Information System

GRS Geographic Response Strategies

GSA General Services Administration HAZMAT Hazardous Materials; also as hazmat

HAZWOPER Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response IC Incident Commander

ICS Incident Command System

IDLH Immediate Danger to Life and Health

INMARSAT International Maritime Satellite Organization

JPO Joint Pipeline Office (gov’t agencies involved with managing/regulating TAPS)

LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee

LEPD Local Emergency Planning District

LOSC Local On-Scene Coordinator

LNG Liquefied Natural Gas

M/V Motor Vessel

MLT Municipal Lands Trustee Program

MOA Memoranda of Agreement, or Municipality of Anchorage

MOU Memoranda of Understanding

MSO Marine Safety Office (USCG)

MSRC Marine Spill Response Corp. (national industry cooperative)

M/V Motor Vessel

NART Northern Alaska Response Team (ADEC)

NCP National Contingency Plan

NIMS National Incident Management System

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology

NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOTAMS Notice to All Mariners; also, Notice to Airmen

NPDES National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

NPFC National Pollution Fund Center

NRC National Response Center

NRP National Response Plan

NRT National Response Team

NRDA (Federal/State) Natural Resource Damage Assessment

NSF National Strike Force

NSFCC National Strike Force Coordinating Center

NWR NOAA Weather Radio

OHMSETT Oil and Hazardous Material Simulated Environment Test Tank OPA 90 Oil Pollution Act of 1990

OPCEN Operations Center

OSC On-Scene Coordinator

OSRO Oil Spill Removal Organization

PIAT Public Information Assist Team

PIO Public Information Officer

POLREP Pollution Report (USCG)

PPOR Potential Places of Refuge

PWS Prince William Sound

RCAC Regional Citizens Advisory Council

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1978

RP Responsible Party

RSC Regional Stakeholder Committee

RV Recreational Vehicle

AC Area Committee

ACP Area Contingency Plan

SART Southeast Alaska Response Team (ADEC)

SCBA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

SERVS Ship Escort Response Vessel Service (for Alyeska terminal in Valdez)

SHPO State Historic Preservation Officer (ADNR)

SITREP Situation Report (ADEC)

SONS Spill of National Significance

SOSC State-On Scene Coordinator

SSC Scientific Support Coordinator (NOAA)

SUPSALV U.S. Navy Supervisor of Salvage, also as NAVSUPSALV

TAPS Trans Alaska Pipeline System

T/V Tank Vessel

USCG United States Coast Guard

VIRS Visual Information Response System

VMT Valdez Marine Terminal (APSC)

VTS Vessel Traffic Separation System/Scheme

WG Work Group

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**Initial Emergency Contacts**

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| **FEDERAL** |
| **NRC (24 hr)** | 1-800-424-8802 |
| FOSC for Coastal Zone – USCG – Sector Anchorage | 907-428-4100 or 1-866-396-1361 |
| FOSC for Inland Zone – EPA, Region10 Alaska Operations Office | 907-271-5083 |
| EPA FOSC Huelskoetter (cell) | 907-570-1540 |
| EPA FOSC Whittier (cell) | 907-830-7236 |
| EPA Region 10 (24 hr) | 206-553-1264 |
| **STATE** |
| SOSC – ADEC, Central Alaska Response Team (business hours) | 907-269-3063 |
| SOSC – ADEC, Northern Alaska Response Team (business hours) | 907-451-2121 |
| SOSC – ADEC, Southeast Alaska Response Team (business hours) | 907-465-5340 |
| SOSC – ADEC, Western Alaska Response Team (business hours) | 907-269-3063 |
| **After Hours Spill Number** | 1-800-478-9300 |

Additional contact information is available on the [ADEC References and Tools webpage](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/) within the ACP Contact Directory.

**1000 – General and Administrative**

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| **[REFERENCES AND TOOLS](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/)** |
| **National and Statewide Policy****Agency Response Guides** |
| [ADEC PWS Area Committee Website](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/prince-william-sound-area/) |

Alaska’s federal and state government response planning obligations are met through the Alaska RCP and four ACPs that include Arctic and Western Alaska, Alaska Inland, Prince William Sound, and Southeast Alaska Area Contingency Plans. The RCP contains planning and response role and policy information that in other areas of the nation would most likely be contained in an ACP. This information may be succinctly repeated in Alaska’s ACPs when emphasis is desired, but the primary location of this information is contained in the RCP.

This ACP is an operational plan. Under the guidance and oversight of the federal and state on-scene coordinators, the PWS Area Committee prepared this ACP for, and in consultation with, the responder’s dependent upon its implementation. Plan content is intended to support the individuals that fill a response role and to achieve a coordinated and effective response to a pollution event, as defined by the NCP.

This plan is intended to serve as a primary guidance during a response. Additional information and guidance is referenced in the plan. These are the “References and Tools” and available on the ADEC’s website. Table 1-1 outlines the five categories of References and Tools established to organize various types of information to support a response to an oil discharge or hazardous substance release anywhere in Alaska.

Table 1-1: Categories of References & Tools

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| **Alaska Area Planning References and Tools website:** | <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/> |
| **CATERGORY** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| **AGENCY RESPONSE GUIDES** | The key response guidance and tools that are utilized in most responses.(Examples: IMHs, AIMS, STAR, WPGs). |
| **PRINCIPAL REFERENCES & TOOLS** | These include geographically-specific or position-specific, principal references. This might include guidance specific to a geographic zone, a habitat type, or job aid. These are often used by multiple ICS sections, and are applicable to most responses. |
| **SECONDARY REFERENCES & TOOLS** | Issue-specific or task-specific information. This includes templates and job-aids relevant to completely a discreet task or is applicable to certain type of response (e.g. ammonia release). |
| **BACKGROUND INFORMATION & BIBLIOGRAPHIC SOURCES** | Preparedness, planning, and training information. |
| **AREA-SPECIFIC INFORMATION** | Information that is applicable to a specific ACP geographic area and within the authority of the OSCs to revise or modify for specific application. |

1100- INTRODUCTION/AUTHORITY

This Prince William Sound Area Contingency Plan (PWS ACP) represents a coordinated and cooperative effort by government agencies. This document contains information applicable to pollution response within the Prince William Sound Captain of the Port (COTP) coastal zone. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) have written this area contingency plan jointly. It meets the pollution response contingency planning requirements under the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and the Alaska Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) applicable to the State and Federal government. 123 123

Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) are found in [Section 9740](#_9740_–_Geographic) of this document and are organized by geographic zone, as defined later in this document. GRS provide response strategies for the protection of selected sensitive areas to aid first responders at an oil spill. The strategies serve as guidance to the federal and state on-scene coordinators during an oil spill in the area covered by the GRS. They can save time during the critical first few hours of an oil spill response by showing responders where sensitive areas are located and where to place oil spill protection resources. The GRS are a valued aid in preplanning for a spill response and can provide excellent guidance during a spill response, but are not mandates for specific action at the time of a spill.

Industry’s facility and vessel response plans and contingency plans provide specific data regarding the Responsible Party’s (RP) containment, control, and cleanup actions. Local Emergency Response Plans (LERPs, also known as Emergency Operations Plans, or EOPs) provide information regarding resources and emergency actions at the local, community level. The Regional Contingency Plan, Area Contingency Plans, LERPs, and industry plans are all critical elements of the coordinated Federal/State/Local and RP response effort to an oil or hazardous substance discharge and/or release.

The Figure 1-1 illustrates the interrelationship and integration of local, state, and federal planning efforts.

This Area Contingency Plan describes the strategy for a coordinated Federal, State, and local response to a discharge, or substantial threat of discharge of oil and a release of a hazardous substance from a vessel or on/offshore facility operating within Alaska’s boundaries and surrounding waters (Reference [Section 1200](#_1200_–_GEOGRAPHIC) for specific descriptions of these boundaries). This plan addresses responses to an average most probable discharge, a maximum most probable discharge, and a worst-case discharge, including discharges from fire or explosion. Planning for these three scenarios covers the expected range of spills likely to occur in Prince William Sound. Hazardous materials response scenarios are also included, where appropriate.

For purposes of this plan, the average most probable discharge is the size of an average spill in the area based on historical data. The maximum most probable discharge is also based on historical spill data, and is the size of the discharge most likely to occur, taking into account: the size of the largest recorded spill, traffic flow through the area, hazard assessment, risk assessment, seasonal considerations, spill histories, and operating records of facilities and vessels in the area. The worst-case discharge for a vessel is a discharge of its entire cargo in adverse weather conditions. The worst-case discharge for an offshore or onshore facility is the largest foreseeable discharge in adverse weather conditions. These scenarios are referenced in [Section 9440](#_9440_–_Planning).

**FIGURE 1-1: INTEGRATED CONTINGENCY PLANNING**

National Contingency Plan

Alaska Regional Contingency Plan

Alaska Inland Area Plan

Southeast Alaska Area Plan

Prince William Sound Area Plan

Arctic and Western Alaska Area Plan

Local Emergency Response Plans

Prepared by Emergency Planning Committees (Reviewed by the State Emergency Response Commission)

Local Government Plans

State/Local Hazard Analyses

Industry Response Plans (VRP/FRP)

Oil Production, Exploration, Transportation, Distribution and Storage Reports

Natural Resource Studies/Surveys on Sensitive Areas

Existing Studies/Surveys

Joint State Emergency Alaska/Federal Operations Plan Natural Disaster

Response Plan

Area Committees are spill preparedness and planning bodies made of Federal, State, and Local agency representatives, as well as tribal representatives and stakeholders. Further guidance on Area Committees is located in the Alaska Regional Contingency Plan and [Section 1300](#_1300_–_AREA) of this plan.

This plan shall be used as a framework for response mechanisms to evaluate shortfalls and weaknesses in the response structure before an incident. Consistency reviews should address, at a minimum, the quality and quantity of Federal, State, local, and industry response equipment within the state, available response personnel, protective strategies, and personnel needs compared to those required.

Further information on government contingency planning requirements and authority can be found within the Alaska Regional Contingency Plan.

**1200 – PURPOSE OF THE ACP**

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| [**REFERENCES AND TOOLS**](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/) |
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The Prince William Sound Area Contingency Plan is one of four Area Contingency Plans. This plan is for the operational guide for responses to oil discharges and hazardous substance releases in the Prince William Sound zone of Alaska. The Prince William Sound zone is described in [Section 1200](#_1200_–_Geographic).

This plan is intended to be responder friendly. To accomplish this a few assumptions and administrative decisions on the layout and content were made. These are described in below under the categories of Format/Layout and Content.

**FORMAT/LAYOUT**

* This plan is organized according to Incident Command System sections.
* The [Chapter 7000 Hazardous Substances](#_7000_–_Hazardous) is intended to address issues specific to these types of responses. The primary ICS chapters are either generic to all responses or specific to oil discharges.
* [An Acronym and Abbreviation list](#_Acronyms_and_Abbreviations) is provided in the front of this plan. This list includes acronyms and abbreviations used in the plan or that are often used in a response. This list is considered “first use” of the term and are not spelled out in later sections of the plan, with a few exceptions.
* **References and Tools Boxes:** With a few exceptions, hyperlinks are not imbedded in this plan. However, at the top of each chapter and many sections and subsections there is a “References and Tools Box” with a listing websites, electronic documents and other internet tools of websites, electronic documents and other internet tools that are useful and pertinent to the subject. Most of these References and Tools are available via the [ADEC References and Tools Website](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/), which is organized by ICS section and by subject.
	+ The hyperlink in this box refers plan-users to the ADEC References and Tools page; the bold heading refers to the Categories on the ADEC References and Tools Page with this information, although it is not comprehensive. Additional resources that may not be included on the ADEC Refences and Tools page may also be listed in the References and Tools box.
	+ Purpose: Most hyperlinks were removed from the plan to facilitate hyperlink maintenance. Broken links in previous plan versions were a persistent problem. Also, by consolidating all links in one location, it facilitates the ability of responders to download all applicable files rather. Previously a responder would have to search a plan to find and download these documents.
	+ The ADEC References and Tools page is checked regularly for broken links which can be fixed without editing the ACP. In the event of broken or missing links on the References and Tools page found between these regular checks, the website name or title should be sufficient to find using an internet search tool.
* A glossary of terms is available [in Chapter 10 Definitions](#_10_–_Definitions).
* Attempts have been made to format this file to enhance its usefulness in an electronic format on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

**CONTENT**

* This plan is an operations plan. Content that was appropriate for prevention, preparedness, or general background has been removed. Please see the ADEC References and Tools.
* Plan users are trained responders. This plan is not intended to provide training. Content available in previous plan versions that was focused on training vs. operational has been removed.
* This plan is intended for multi-agency use. In general, agency-specific guidance is not included in the plan but is listed in the “References and Tools” box at the top of each chapter and many sections and available on the ADEC References and Tools Page.
* Previous plan versions quoted or paraphrased content from other plans and guidance documents. Most of this content has been removed and the plan-user is referred to the source document.
	+ Purpose: This content is generated and maintained by the authoring agencies and organizations. Updates to these documents occurs on timelines set by their author agencies. By referring to the source document, rather than imbedding the content directly into this plan, responders are directed to the most current information.
	+ Further, revisions to this content is usually outside authority or ability of the OSCs and the Area Committees.
* This plan should be considered part of a suite of plans. [Section 1100](#_1100_–_Introduction/Authority) and Figure 1-1 describe some of the other associated plans. This plan should be used in conjunction with agency-specific plans and protocols, facility/vessel response, and issue-specific plans and guidance, such as the Wildlife Protection Guidelines for Oil Spill Response in Alaska.

***1210 – List/Table of Annexes***

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| [**REFERENCES AND TOOLS**](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/) |
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 Pending development.

**1300 – Area Committee Management and Administration**

Under the CWA, as amended by the OPA 90 and the NCP (40 CFR 300.210), the Prince William Sound Area Committee acts as a preparedness and planning body for Prince William Sound. FOSC and SOSCs serve as co-chairs to the Area Committee. The Prince William Sound Area Committee is comprised of federal, State, tribal, local, industrial, and other non-governmental organization representatives.

The Prince William Sound Area Committee provides a process for public involvement and input on all relevant government processes and scientific issues related to oil discharge and hazardous substance release prevention, preparedness, planning, and response. A primary function of the Prince William Sound Area Committee is to improve coordination among the federal, State, tribal and local planning levels and to facilitate the availability of trained personnel, necessary equipment, and scientific support needed to address oil discharges or hazardous substance releases.

The Prince William Sound Area Committee is encouraged to solicit advice, guidance or expertise from all appropriate sources, establish subcommittees, and work groups as necessary to accomplish the prepared need and planning task. The FOSC/SOSCs should solicit the advice of the Alaska Regional Response Team to determine appropriate work group representatives from federal, state, and local agencies. This includes tasking the RRTs with providing guidance to Area Committees to ensure inter-area consistency within each region.

**1310-Area Committee Organizations**

**Pending development**

***1320 – Charter***

Pending development.

***1330 – AC Meetings***

Pending development.

***1340 – AC Annual Report***

Pending development.

**1400 – ACP Validation and Testing**

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| [**REFERENCES AND TOOLS**](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/) |
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***1410 – ACP Annual Update, Review and Approval Process***

Pending development.

***1420 – GRS Validation (i.e. booming and collection strategies)***

Pending development.

***1430 – Area Exercises***

The USCG and the EPA are required to follow the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (NPREP) Guidelines in the planning and execution of their Area Exercise programs. Area exercises, which exercise the government’s Area Contingency Plans, are conducted on a quadrennial schedule, whereas industry plan holders are required by regulation to exercise their entire response plans every three years. The purpose of the area exercise is to exercise the entire response community in a particular area. An area is defined as that geographic area for which a separate and distinct ACP has been prepared, as described in OPA 90. The response community is comprised of the Federal, State, and local Government and industry, including inviting tribal entities to participate. The area exercises are designed to exercise the Government and industry interface for spill response or response to a significant threat a spill.

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| **[REFERENCES AND TOOLS](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/)** |
| **Background Information, Preparedness Resources:*** National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program Guidelines, 2016
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NPREP was developed to satisfy the OPA 90‐mandated federal oil pollution response exercise requirements under the purview of the USCG, EPA, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). NPREP is not mandated for use by industry but does meet the intent of OPA 90 with regard to a regulated facility exercise program and demonstration of federal spill response readiness.

NPREP also provides guidance for Government-Initiated Unannounced Exercises (GIUEs) that an agency holds to monitor compliance with a plan holder’s preparedness and evaluation of an OSRO’s capability.

In addition to industry exercise programs, NPREP Section 2.4 provides guidance on Area-level Exercises that are designed to exercise the government and industry interface for spill response or response to a significant spill or threat of a spill. ACP-related or types of ACP exercises are summarized in PREP Section 7. Lessons learned during these events guide continuous improvement of this ACP.

Completion of the exercises described in the NPREP Guidelines is one option for maintaining compliance with OPA 90‐mandated federal oil pollution response exercise requirements.

**1500 – ACP Relationship/Alignment With Other Plans under National Response System (NRS)**

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| [**REFERENCES AND TOOLS**](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/) |
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**Description of National Response System:** General information on the NRS is provided in the Alaska RCP and should be referenced for information on the broader response principles of this system. Defined by the 40 CFR 300.5, the NRS is the mechanism for coordinating response actions by all levels of government in support of the OSC/RPM. The NRS is composed of the National Response Team (NRT), Regional Response Teams (RRTs), OSC/RPM, Area Committees, and Special Teams and related support entities. The NRS is capable of expanding or contracting to accommodate the response effort required by the size or complexity of the discharge or release.

***1510 – Vessel Response Plans***

Vessel Response Plans (VRP) are mandated by federal law and are long-standing requirements for tank vessels carrying oil as primary cargo or non-tank vessels 400 gross tons or above carrying oil as fuel and/or secondary cargo. VRPs are required to cover all U.S. Captain of the Port zones in which the vessel will transit, operate or make port calls. In remote areas where typical response resources are not available, or the available commercial resources do not meet the national planning criteria, the vessel owner or operator may request that the USCG accept Alternative Planning Criteria (APC). APCs are not required, as they are voluntary alternatives to the national planning standards.

The intention of an APC is to identify and address resource and capability gaps until private industry response resources are sufficiently built up to meet the national planning standards. Some APCs incorporate prevention measures, such as vessel monitoring, to mitigate gaps between the response resources provided in the APC and the national planning criteria. The USCG considers APC prevention measures to be a temporary, perhaps even long-term alternative, but not a replacement for the national planning criteria. As such, the goal of any APC is continued progress toward improved response capabilities. Operational experience has shown that prevention-based approaches reduce incidents and incident-severity, but cannot be relied upon 100% of the time. Consequently, the growth of actual response capability is a critical facet of APCs and the APC process.

VRPs and APCs are approved by the Office of Marine Environmental Response at USCG Headquarters; however, the Prince William Sound Area committee plays a key role in advising the USCG prior to plan approval. The Prince William Sound Area committee *should* include members from the maritime response community including salvage and marine firefighting, oil spill removal organizations and current APC plan administrators. These subject matter experts provide valuable experience and local area knowledge that will identify preferred alternatives, limitations and constraints, and will inform future alternative proposals submitted for USCG approval.

***1520 – Facility Response Plans***

Pending development.

***1530 – Local Plans***

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| **[REFERENCES AND TOOLS](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/)** |
| **Contact Information*** Alaska DCRA, Community Database Online
* ACP Contact Directory
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Local On-Scene Coordinators (LOSCs) are designated by local governments with jurisdiction to direct and coordinate local responses to incidents. LOSCs are normally part of the Unified Command as long as there is an immediate threat to public safety and/or the incident occurs within their jurisdiction.

Once immediate threats to public safety are abated, either the SOSC or FOSC becomes the ultimate command authority for the cleanup operation, depending on jurisdiction and agency response. Local representation to the Unified Command may then be through the CEC on the Regional Stakeholder Committee.

**Community Emergency Coordinators (CECs)** are designated in Local Emergency Response Plans and may serve as the LOSC or on the Regional Stakeholder Committee (RSC).

Local Emergency Response Plans (developed by Local Emergency Planning Committees, if established for the jurisdiction) designate Community Emergency Coordinators for responding to oil and hazardous substance releases.

***1540 – State Plans***

The commissioners of each supporting State agency shall appoint the Agency Representative for their department.

The State On-Scene Coordinator (SOSC) is responsible for directing and coordinating the State's response to oil and hazardous substance discharges. SOSCs are designated by the Commissioner of the ADEC. SOSCs have been pre-designated for the following response areas: Northern Alaska; Central Alaska; and Southeast Alaska. In the event of a major spill, the Commissioner may designate the Director, Spill Prevention and Response Division or another individual to serve as the SOSC. The SOSC may appoint an on-scene field representative (SOSC Rep) to act for the SOSC during a response. The SOSC Rep can be selectively delegated authority by the SOSC.

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| [**REFERENCES AND TOOLS**](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/) |
| **National and Statewide Policy*** Alaska RCP

**Agency Response Guides*** ADEC Disaster Response Plan
* ACP Contact Directory
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*Department of Environmental Conservation*

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) is the lead agency for the State of Alaska in oil and hazardous materials spill response. ADEC serves as the SOSC in the Unified Command. The Statewide Oil and Hazardous Substance Incident Management System Workgroup (consisting of ADEC, industry, spill cooperatives, and federal agencies) has published [The Alaska Incident Management System](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/docs/AIMS_Guide-Complete%28Nov02%29.pdf) [(AIMS) Guide for Oil and Hazardous Substance Response.](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/docs/AIMS_Guide-Complete%28Nov02%29.pdf) The AIMS Guide provides ADEC personnel and other response personnel with the detailed guidance necessary to properly respond to a major spill incident.

***1550 – Tribal Plans***

Pending Development.

***1560 – Regional Contingency Plans***

Pending Development.

***1570 – International Plans***

Pending Development.

***1580 – Federal Plans***

***See Section 5210 Environmental, Fish and Wildlife Protection Plans***

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| **[REFERENCES AND TOOLS](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/)** |
| **Hazardous Substances:*** Job Aid: Radiation Response Guidelines
* Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex (NRIA) to the National Response Framework
* EPA: Radiological Emergency Response Plan, 2017

*Additional information may be found on the National Nuclear Security Administration website for Nuclear Incident Response.* |

The 2017 EPA Radiological Emergency Response Plan identifies the overall roles, responsibilities, and coordination for management of potential or actual radiological incidents and emergencies and coordination among the following EPA offices and Special Teams.

FEMA maintains the Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex to the NRF which describes the policies, situations, concepts of operations, and responsibilities of the Federal departments and agencies governing the immediate response and short-term recovery activities for incidents involving release of radioactive materials to address the consequences of the event.

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| [**REFERENCES AND TOOLS:**](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/) |
| **National and Statewide Policy:*** Alaska RCP, Section H.2, National Response Policy
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**1600 – ACP Relationship to National Response Framework (NRF)**

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**1700 – ACP Relationship to National Incident Management System (NIMS)**

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**1800 – ACP Relationship to MTS Focused Response Plans Managed by The Coast Guard**

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**2000 – Command**

**2000 – Geographic Scope & Jurisdictional Boundaries**

The PWS Area boundaries follow the PWS Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone and FOSC area of responsibility for the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). The PWS Area is comprised of the Coastal Zone from Cape Puget at 148° 26’ W longitude eastward to Poul Creek at 142° 00’ W and seaward to outermost boundary of the EEZ and In accordance with current Memorandum of Understanding with the EPA, the Coastal Zone encompasses all navigable waters seaward of the mean high tide line and an area of shoreline 1,000 yards inland of the coastline and includes the Lowe River from Port Valdez to Thompson Pass.

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| [[**REFERENCES AND TOOLS**](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/)](https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/tools/) |
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