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**DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
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Marine Vessels Section**

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**OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY  
PLAN APPROVAL**

File No: 302.20 (Chevron)

Mr. Jeff Williams  
Environmental Manager  
Chevron Shipping Company, LLC  
6101 Bollinger Canyon Rd  
San Ramon, CA 94583

Subject: **Chevron Shipping Company LLC Vessel Response Plan, Incident Response Manual, and Alaska Cook Inlet Appendix; ADEC Plan Number 06-CP-2002. Revised Plan Approval**

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) has reviewed and approved the Chevron Shipping Company, LLC. (Chevron) application for approval to renew the Vessel Response Plan, Incident Response Manual, and Alaska Cook Inlet Appendix that fulfills the requirements for an oil discharge prevention and contingency plan (Plan) as required by 18 AAC 75.400(a)(2). The application for renewal was submitted conducted in accordance with 18 AAC 75.420 and reviewed in accordance with 18 AAC 75.455.

**This approval applies to the following oil discharge prevention and contingency plan:**

Plan Title: **Vessel Response Plan, Incident Response Manual, and Alaska Cook Inlet Appendix ADEC Plan Number 011-CP-2002**

Plan Holder: **Chevron Shipping Company, LLC  
6101 Bollinger Canyon Rd  
San Ramon, CA 94583**

Covered Vessels: ***Arizona Voyager (588320), Colorado Voyager (577358),  
Washington Voyager (570709)***

Region of Operation: **Cook Inlet**

**PLAN APPROVAL:** Approval of the referenced Plan is hereby granted, effective July 19, 2006. This approval is for *Arizona Voyager (588320)*, *Colorado Voyager (577358)*, and *Washington Voyager (570709)* for operations in the Cook Inlet Region (18 AAC 75.495). This approval supersedes the Plan Approval and Certificate of Approval dated June 15, 2006. A Certificate of Approval stating the Plan has been approved by the Department is enclosed. A copy of the Certificate of Approval must be on board the vessel while in State of Alaska waters.

This approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. Scenario. Prior to entrance of the vessels listed in this approval into State waters, en route to Cook Inlet, the Department requires Chevron to participate in a tabletop exercise that will be designed and conducted by the Department. This exercise will be limited in scope and resources. The purpose of this exercise is to test Chevron's ability to meet 18 AAC 75.425(e)(1)(F)(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi) and (xii). The Department will work with Chevron to determine a mutually acceptable schedule for the exercise.
2. Notice of Changed Relationship with Response Contractor. Because the plan relies on the use of response contractor(s) for its implementation, the plan holder must immediately notify the Department in writing of any change in the contractual relationship with the plan holder's response contractor(s), and of any event including but not limited to any breach by either party to the response contract that may excuse a response contractor from performing, that indicates a response contractor may fail or refuse to perform, or that may otherwise affect the response, prevention, or preparedness capabilities described in the approved plan.
3. Response Action Plan. The entire Plan as stated in the subject above must be onboard each vessel named in this approval at all times while in State of Alaska waters. This condition is necessary as a plan condition under AS 46.04.030 (e) to ensure plan holders compliance with 18 AAC 75.465(a)(2).
4. Submittals. All amendments and renewals must be submitted in a "red line" format that clearly identifies the changes proposed. This includes all changes, regardless of their significance. "Red line" format means that each and every change must be clearly stated within the text of the Plan to identify each and every addition and deletion.

**EXPIRATION:** This approval expires July 18, 2011. After the approval expires, Alaska law prohibits operation of the vessel until an approved plan is once again in effect.

**RENEWAL:** To renew this approval, the plan holder must submit a completed renewal application and plan to the Department no later than 180 days prior to the expiration of this approval. This is to ensure the submitted plan is approved before the current plan in effect expires. (18 AAC 75.420).

**REVOCAION, SUSPENSION, OR MODIFICATION:** This approval is effective only while the plan holder is in "compliance with the plan" and with all of the terms and conditions described above. The Department may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, revoke, suspend, or require the modification of an approved plan if the plan holder is not in compliance with it, or for any other reason stated in AS 46.04.030(f). In addition, Alaska law provides that a vessel or facility that is not in "compliance with the plan" may not operate (AS 46.04.030). The Department may terminate approval prior to the expiration date if deficiencies are identified that would adversely affect spill prevention, response or preparedness capabilities.

**DUTY TO RESPOND:** Notwithstanding any other provisions or requirements of this contingency plan a person causing or permitting the discharge of oil is required by law to immediately contain and cleanup the discharge regardless of the adequacy or inadequacy of a contingency plan (AS 46.04.020).

**NOTIFICATION OF NON-READINESS:** Within twenty four (24) hours after any significant response equipment specified in the plan becomes non operational or is removed from its designated storage location the plan holder must notify the Department in writing and provide a schedule for the equipment substitution, repair, or return to service (18 AAC 75.475(b)).

**CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS:** Failure to comply with the plan may subject the plan holder to civil liability for damages and to civil and criminal penalties. Civil and criminal sanctions may also be imposed for any violation of AS 46.04, any regulation issued there under, or any violation of a lawful order of the Department.

**INSPECTIONS, DRILLS, RIGHTS TO ACCESS AND VERIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND PERSONNEL:** The Department has the right to verify the ability of the plan holder to carry out the provisions of its contingency plan and access to inventories of equipment, supplies and personnel through such means as inspections and discharge exercises, without prior notice to the plan holder. The Department has the right to enter and inspect the covered vessel or facility in a safe manner at any reasonable time for these purposes and to otherwise ensure compliance with the plan and the terms and conditions (AS 46.04.030(e) and AS 46.04.060). The plan holder shall conduct exercises for the purpose of testing the adequacy of the contingency plan and its implementation (18 AAC 75.480 and 485).

**FAILURE TO PERFORM:** In granting approval of the plan, the Department has determined that the plan, as represented to it by the applicant in the plan and application for approval, satisfies the minimum planning standards and other requirements established by applicable statutes and regulations, taking as true all information provided by the applicant. The Department does not warrant to the applicant, the plan holder, or any other person or entity: (1) the accuracy or validity of the information or assurances relied upon; (2) that the plan is or will be implemented; or (3) that even full compliance and implementation with the plan will result in complete containment, control, or clean-up of any given oil spill, including a spill specifically described in the planning standards. The plan holder is encouraged to take any additional precautions and obtain any additional response capability it deems appropriate to further guard against the risk of oil spills and to enhance its ability to comply with its duty under AS 46.04.020(a) to immediately contain and clean up an oil discharge.

**COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:** If amendments to the approved plan are necessary to meet the requirements of any new laws or regulations, the plan holder must submit an

application for amendment to the Department at the above address. The plan holder must adhere to all applicable state statutes and regulations as they may be amended from time to time. This approval does not relieve the plan holder of the responsibility for securing other federal, state or local approvals or permits, and that the plan holder is still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

**VOLUNTARY INCIDENT REPORTING:** In the interests of early identification and reduction of spill risks in Alaska waters, the Department requests that it be notified if a vessel covered by this plan, in transit to or from Alaska waters, is involved in a reportable incident as defined by USCG regulation. We request the notification be made, as soon as possible after addressing resultant safety concerns, at (907) 269-3094 or by facsimile to (907) 269-8403. The initial report of the incident should contain the date, time, location, weather conditions, vessel operations underway, identity of any facilities and other vessels involved, and a brief analysis of any known cause. We request you submit a copy of the final USCG report within thirty days of the incident.

**ADJUDICATORY HEARING:** Any person who disagrees with this decision may request an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195- 18 AAC 15.340 or an informal review by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185. **Informal review requests** must be delivered to the Division Director, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, within 15 days of the permit decision. **Adjudicatory hearing requests** must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801, within 30 days of the permit decision. If a hearing is not requested within 30 days, the right to appeal is waived. Please send a copy of the hearing request to the undersigned.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Stergiou at 907-269-7539.

Sincerely,



Betty Schorr  
Acting Industry Preparedness Program  
Manager

Enclosure: Certificate of Approval, Number: 06-CER-018.1

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