

STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
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OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN APPROVAL AMENDMENT

File number 308.21.31(ARRC)

Mr. Ernest W. Piper, III
AVP, Health, Safety & Environment
Alaska Railroad Corporation
P.O. Box 107500
Anchorage, AK 99510-7500

Dear Mr. Piper:

SUBJECT: Alaska Railroad Corporation, Oil Discharge Prevention and
Contingency Plan ADEC Plan Number 027-CP-5091.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation received an application dated July 30, 2004 from the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) in accordance with 18 ACC 75.455 for an amendment of the ARRC Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan ("plan") to increase their response planning standard (RPS) from 6200 bbls to 10268 bbls. The Department has received this application and the associated plan revision for compliance with AS 46.03, 04 and 18 ACC 75. The Department has determined that the proposed amendment shows ARRC's increased response capability appropriate to the increased RPS for its Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan.

Plan Title: Alaska Railroad Corporation Oil Discharge
Prevention and Contingency Plan, dated
September 15, 2004

Supporting Documents: ARRC Safety Manual, ARRC Timetable, ARRC
Track Chart, ARRC Environmental Sensitivity
Mapping data, ARRC Contact List (MS Access
database file), ADF&G Environmental Sensitivity
Maps, Cook Inlet Sub Area Contingency Plan, Alaska
Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil
and Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases

(Unified Plan, Volume 1), and the Alaska Chadux Wildlife Protection Manual. All documents as of September 15, 2004 or accepted subsequent updates.

Plan Holder: Alaska Railroad Corporation
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Covered Vessels or Facilities: Railroad tank cars transported by the Alaska Railroad Corporation

AMENDMENT APPROVAL: The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) amendment is hereby approved. The amendment will run concurrent with the ARRC approval dated August 13, 2003. All conditions of the August 13, 2003 approval remain in effect and apply to this amendment. This amendment increases the maximum volume of petroleum that may be transported on one transit of an ARRC train, a number of minor correction and format changes.

EXPIRATION: This approval expires August 12, 2008. After the approval expires, Alaska law prohibits operation of any vessels until an approved plan is once again in effect.

This approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Meet all of the terms and conditions of the August 13, 2003 approval as amended.

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 on Alaska land and waters, the Department requests that it be notified if a train car covered by this plan is involved in an incident such as derailment without a release of petroleum product, distributed power system failure, brake failure etc. We request the notification be made, as soon as possible after addressing resultant safety concerns, at (907) 269-7681 or by facsimile to (907) 269-8403 (an after hours number is available on request). The initial report of the incident should contain the date, time, location, weather conditions, identity of any train, and a brief analysis of any known cause. We request you submit a copy of the final Alaska Railroad Corporation report within thirty days of the incident.

Mr. Piper
Alaska Railroad Corporation

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Please remove the certificate issued August 13, 2003 and replace it with the attached certificated. If you have any questions regarding this approval please contact Bob Flint at 907-269-7681 or Betty Schorr at 907-269-7566.

Sincerely,



Bill Hutmacher
Program Manager

enclosure: (1) certificate 03-CER-5608.1

cc: Marc Peterson, ARRC
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Program File