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Alaska Petroleum Distributors and Transporters (APD&T)
Attn: Dan Nutt
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Dear Mr. Nutt:

This letter is an amendment to the Coast Guard letter sent to you on April 29, 2020. In that letter the Coast Guard extended APD&T's Alternative Planning Criteria (APC) Revision 4 for tank barges carrying Group I petroleum oils as cargo in ports or places in Western Alaska, Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska. That APC was allowed to be used in Vessel Response Plans (VRP) through March 31, 2021. I am now writing to inform you that **the period of validity stated in that previous letter is hereby amended to extend until March 31, 2023**. All other provisions and conditions as expressed in that letter are otherwise unchanged and shall remain in full force and effect until this new APC expiration date.

In 2020 the Coast Guard established the Maritime Oil-Spill Response Planning Advisory Group (MORPAG) to review management of alternatives and their incorporation into VRPs. The group consists of 20 members representing 13 Coast Guard Commands, all of which play a role in the management of alternatives and evaluation of response capability. The group recognizes that industry participation and support will be necessary for success and is therefore developing an engagement plan which will detail a strategic process to incorporate industry in a way that supports the interests of the Coast Guard, states, and industry stakeholders. Although formal integration of industry has not yet occurred, all group members are engaging informally with our Government and industry stakeholders during risk assessment discussions, VRP and APC reviews and Oil Spill Response Organizations (OSRO) performance assessment visits. In respect of this ongoing initiative, the Coast Guard is amending the acceptance period of current alternatives in order to give the MORPAG time to complete its work.

Your clients who use this APC must keep a copy of this letter with their VRP onboard their vessel in addition to all other required documentation.

Vessel owners/operators using this APC as part of their VRP must continue to undertake the required annual reviews per 33 CFR 155.1070, including applicable APCs. They are encouraged to work with their APC Administrator to ensure this is done.

Please contact Mr. Chris Friese with any concerns or questions at christopher.r.friese@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. M. Alonso".

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