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Alaska Maritime Prevention & Response Network
Attn: Mr. Buddy Custard
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Dear Mr. Custard:

The Coast Guard reviewed your Alaska Maritime Prevention & Response Network's (AMPRN's) Alternate Planning Criteria (APC) proposal for tank vessels carrying Groups II-V cargos, submitted on July 31, 2019 in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 155.1065, for the Western Alaska (WAK) Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone.

The Coast Guard accepts your APC request, and your APC will take effect on October 1, 2019 and will remain valid until September 30, 2022. AMPRN's APC may be included in vessel response plans (VRPs) submitted for approval for operations in the WAK COTP Zone. Your clients must keep a copy of this APC attached to their respective VRPs, along with a copy of this letter onboard their vessels. Any deviation from the provisions in your APC must be communicated immediately in writing to the WAK COTP for reevaluation.

Between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2022, you must meet bi-annually with the WAK COTP to continue progress with enhancing response capabilities and addressing gaps identified in AMPRN's APC. Details and expectations on the following must be coordinated with the WAK COTP:

- a. The milestones listed in AMPRN's APC Appendix L – Network APC Build-Out Accomplishments must be reviewed and evaluated by the WAK COTP. Prioritization of a build-out strategy must be given to highest risk vessels and operating areas. The Coast Guard recommends you consult with VRP plan holders and OSROs in developing this build-out strategy.
- b. Ensure vessels identified in the APC are available and capable and not limited by service, routes, or conditions if certificated by the USCG.
- c. Demonstrate to WAK COTP that the ship arrestor described in AMPRN's APC is functional as intended and planned.
- d. Continue improving capabilities for dispersant application in the pre-authorized areas of WAK in order to meet the planning requirements in 33 CFR Part 155.
- e. Propose a strategy to the WAK COTP for enhancing response capabilities in areas where vessels intend to operate while deviating from the routing procedures included in AMPRN's APC Appendix C – Prevention Strategies.

Continued improvements to the AMPRN APC towards meeting National Planning Criteria are imperative to retain acceptance. The Coast Guard expects for AMPRN to continue consultations with the Coast Guard, Area Committee, and plan holders on enhancing oil spill prevention and response readiness in Alaska. If the Coast Guard is not satisfied that adequate progress has been made towards addressing WAK COTP's concerns, this APC acceptance may be subject to cancellation. If this occurs, the Coast Guard will provide written notice to AMPRN. Additionally, if it is determined resources are available and capable of providing National Planning Criteria (NPC) for a vessel operating in any area covered by this acceptance, their VRP may not reference this APC and the plan holder must contract with resource providers able to meet their NPC requirements.

Questions concerning this letter may be directed to my VRP staff at vrp@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,



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