

Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors – January 2019

INFORMATION ITEM

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Project number and name or topic: 600 Oil Spill Response Planning Program

1. **Description of agenda item:** This informational item is intended to brief the Board on area planning changes in the Alaska.

In September 2018, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) released the **Alaska Regional Contingency Plan** and four **Area Contingency Plans**. These plans replaced the former Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases (“Unified Plan”) and the 10 subarea contingency plans in Alaska. The four new Area Contingency Plans for (1) Prince William Sound, (2) Southeast, (3) Arctic and Western Alaska, and (4) Inland, combine several of the previous subarea plans and include information contained in those subarea plans. The content in these government plans has been repackaged into the new plan structure. Operational and planning areas for individual operations may extend into more than one Area Plan. More information about this change, including a map of the new Areas and the newly adopted regional and area contingency plans, is available on ADEC’s website at: [Oil and Hazardous Substance Response Plans](#).

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), PWSRCAC is authorized to participate in the development of plans and policy guidelines used in oil spill response. Being involved in regional and area planning enables PWSRCAC to provide input and stay current on ongoing efforts.

3. **Previous actions taken by the Board on this item:** None.

4. **Relationship to LRP and Budget:** This is not a budgeted project.

5. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** None, item is for information only.

6. **Attachments:** None.