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Subject: Release of spill response equipment to respond to Cook Inlet vessel grounding.

Dear Mr. Coffey:

The Department has received, through SERVUS, the attached mutual aid request for high horsepower tugs and other response equipment. The following mitigation measures must be in place in Prince William Sound until the equipment listed is returned in response ready condition. If the response equipment is not returned by February 16, 2006, we will review the mitigation measures based on the longer than anticipated out of service time. **The Prince William Sound Escort and Spill Prevention System must remain intact during the period in which the requested equipment and personnel are unavailable for filling contingency plan requirements.**

- The escort system must be managed to remain in compliance with the approved contingency plan for Prince William Sound operations.
- A plan for fully utilizing the Nearshore Response barge 500-2 and associated response equipment must be in place to have the barge outfitted and mobilized by hour 6 of a spill.
- Until the response personnel return to duty from assisting in Cook Inlet, staffing must be adjusted to ensure adequate personnel are available to meet all Valdez Marine Terminal and Prince William Sound Tanker contingency plan requirements.
- The Valdez Star must be placed on a heightened state of readiness any time there is a laden outbound tanker or tanker loading at the Valdez Marine Terminal.
- All Fishing Vessel Administrators must be notified of the changes in the response system and the associated effects. Additionally, the temporary measure of having twelve fishing vessels on a one hour callout must be maintained until the response system is back to its normal state of readiness.
- The Naked Island TransRec barge and tug will be put on a heightened state of readiness any time there is a tanker loading at the Valdez Marine Terminal.

- Activation of the 570 Lightering barge must remain consistent with approved contingency plan.
- All Prince William Sound TAPS shippers must be informed that there may be a need for their tankers to support recovered oil storage sooner than anticipated in the approved contingency plan in the event of an oil spill.
- The Valdez Marine Terminal must be notified of the changes in response equipment and provided a copy of this letter prior to any equipment departing Prince William Sound.

The points listed above were discussed with SERVS management prior to finalizing these mitigation measures.

Sincerely,


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Attachment: Tesoro Alaska Spill Response Requisition

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