

Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors – January 2022

INFORMATION ITEM

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Project number and name or topic: 651 – Contingency Plan Review – Prince William Sound Tanker Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan

1. **Description of agenda item:** This informational item is intended to brief the Board on the status of the renewal of the Prince William Sound Tanker Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (Tanker C-Plan). The Tanker C-Plan was approved on February 1, 2017, and expires on January 31, 2022.

On behalf of the shippers in Prince William Sound, the Response Planning Group (RPG) submitted an application to renew the Tanker C-Plan to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for a sufficiency review in May 2021. The RPG is made up of representatives from Andeavor, Alaska Tanker Company, Crowley Alaska Tankers, Hilcorp North Slope, and Polar Tankers.

The Tanker C-Plan consists of three volumes – the Core Plan, SERVS Technical Manual, and the individual Vessel Response Plans. The Core Plan describes spill prevention and response activities and procedures for the PWS tank vessel operators and their response action contractor, Alyeska/SERVS. The SERVS Technical Manual, also referenced as SV-140, provides information on operational response details and response tactics used in an oil spill. The individual vessel response plans provide spill response-related information specific to each shipper. The Core Plan and SERVS Technical Manual are meant to be used in conjunction with the individual vessel response plans.

Following the plan submission, PWSRCAC submitted comments and suggested requests for additional information in July, ADEC issued requests for additional information (RFAI) in October, and the RPG responded to those requests in November. Our final comments and requests for additional information were submitted on December 2, 2021, and are available [HERE](#).

Based on these comments, ADEC will determine whether the “application is complete” (a regulatory definition). If the application is deemed complete, ADEC will issue a decision on the plan renewal within 65 days after that determination whether to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the plan.

One proposed change to the plan includes TCC providing decontamination services in addition to TCC’s current commitment to provide oil spill response, marine support, and health and safety support. Bell-Tech, the previous provider of vessel decontamination services, had specialized equipment and had deployed in this role in past exercises.

PWSRCAC's concerns include:

- Ensuring a clear process for incorporating current ANS crude oil properties information
- Consideration to restart the Oil Properties Workgroup
- Use of the term "vessel of opportunity"
- TCC's ability to provide decontamination services in addition to what TCC is already committed to provide
- Contractual commitments in the individual vessel response plans

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** The Tanker C-Plan approval process includes important actions which could potentially impact every member organization. The Tanker C-Plan outlines oil spill prevention and response activities that planholders would be required to undertake to prevent a spill from occurring and to clean up oil in the event of a spill. Review of contingency plans is a major task for PWSRCAC as outlined in both the PWSRCAC/Alyeska contract and OPA 90.

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

4. **Committee Recommendation:** The Oil Spill Prevention and Response Committee has been briefed on the Tanker C-Plan renewal and has had a chance to provide input during this process.

5. **Relationship to LRP and Budget:** Project 651 Contingency Plan Review is in the approved FY2022 budget and annual work plan.

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As of December 10, 2021

FY-2022 Budget

Original	\$85,000.00
Modifications	
Revised Budget	<u>\$85,000.00</u>

Actual and Commitments

Actual Year-to-Date	\$23,158.75
Commitments (Professional Services)	<u>\$45,851.00</u>
Actual + Commitments	<u>\$69,009.75</u>
Amount Remaining	<u>\$15,990.25</u>

6. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** None, this is for information only.

7. **Attachments:** None