

March 6, 2003

RE: Comments for Change 3 of the Unified Plan

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Prevention and Emergency Response Program
Prevention Section: Attn. Larry Iwamoto
555 Cordova Street
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Dear Mr. Iwamoto:

This letter is in response to the February 3, 2003, request for comments for the preparation of an initial working draft of *Change 3 to the Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases (Unified Plan)*. Preliminary comments on behalf of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of History and Archeology (State Historic Preservation Office) are identified below.

Page A-53, Item 6 and Page A-54, Item 10. Delete both Item 6 and 10 (they are duplicates) and incorporating information on training in a revised Item 9 (below)

Page A-54, Item 9. Revise Item 9 to read:

Assists the ARRT through participation in the ARRT Cultural Resources Working Group and in implementing and updating the “Alaska Implementation Guidelines for Federal On-Scene Coordinators for the Programmatic Agreement on Protection of Historic Properties during Emergency Response under the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan,” which includes developing and participating in appropriate historic properties training and exercises.

Page A-54, Item 11. Revise Item 11 to read:

Provides consultation in accordance with the Alaska Historic Properties Protection Guidelines, through the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) following a spill or release where a Federal OSC activates an Historic Properties Specialist (HPS) in accordance with Alaska implementation guidelines for protecting historic properties (see Annex M). In spills or discharges where there is no Federal OSC, the SHPO will provide information on historic properties protection to the State OSC.

Page A-54, Item 12. Delete this section, since it includes inaccurate and confusing information.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Bittner, State Historic Preservation Officer