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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
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SUBJECT: Review of Change 3 to the Alaska Unified Plan

1. I have reviewed Change 3 of the Alaska Unified Plan and have the following comments/concerns:

I could not find anything mentioned in the Alaska Unified Plan requiring the Local On-Scene Coordinators to have the proper training. Pages A-31, A-56, A-61, and B-5 all describe the Local On-Scene Coordinator remaining in-charge as long as there is an immediate threat to public safety. Typically it is the Fire Chief or a State Trooper. To ensure additional site safety to the public and not needlessly spread contamination, they should be properly trained to coordinate an emergency response in hazardous substance response, containment, and cleanup. Example: I have seen fire chiefs and state troopers disperse fuel spills with water, which caused spreading contamination over a larger area, and also not monitor for air quality before going into an unsafe environment without proper personnel protection equipment. They are required to have proper training for emergency response and cleanup of hazardous substances by OSHA – Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response and DOT Hazardous Material Transportation Awareness and Safety Training.

2. If you have questions, I can be reached at (907) 552-0866.

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