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Re: Your Memo – June 29, 2005

Dear Mr. Fink:

Thank you very much for your input on the public review draft of Change 2 to the Prince William Sound Subarea Contingency Plan. We received pertinent comments from two other organizations. Your comments will certainly contribute to further enhancing the overall plan, and we have incorporated the majority of them into the final version of Change 2.

We convened a work group consisting of representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, EPA, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to review all of the comments submitted during the public review process.

The group reviewed and addressed your proposed recommendations, and our responses to several of your specific comments are provided below. Our comments are provided by exception, and those comments that you provided which are not specifically mentioned below have been incorporated into the final document.

Response Procedures: The specific request to describe the interaction between the SCP and the AIMS Guide will be addressed in the upcoming change to the Unified Plan. The AIMS Guide is not a prescriptive document for Alaskan spill responders. The Coast Guard manages spill responses under their Incident Management Handbook. Both of these documents are non-prescriptive and provide a method for managing an incident. In the event the Responsible Party (RP) has established an incident command post and is effectively managing the spill response operation, the Coast Guard, DEC, and EPA will follow the RP's established procedures and integrate response staff into a unified arrangement.

Training: With regard to training, the training guidance for Alaska spill responders is included in the Unified Plan, Annex H (Health, Safety, and Training). The Coast Guard, EPA, and the State will strive to keep ADFG apprised of all training opportunities related to spill response.

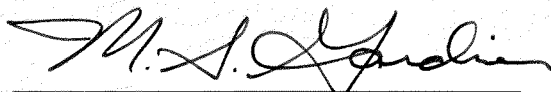
Scenarios: The scenarios included in the subarea plan provide examples of how a spill or Hazmat response could occur given major variables including type and amount of product, time of year, weather and sea conditions, etc. The scenarios are not meant to identify and note detailed resources for hypothetical responses. The annual drills and inspections conducted each year are quite varied in nature and provide ample opportunity to address the myriad conditions that could arise during a spill.

Sensitive Areas: All of the comments provided for this section have been incorporated.

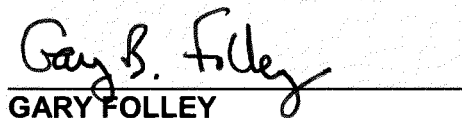
Thank you again for participating in the plan review process. We certainly appreciate the time and effort put forth by you and your staff in reviewing the draft. We hope to continually improve the PWS subarea plan and we sincerely appreciate your constructive comments.



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