

Regional Response Team

Alaska Region Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan

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Dear Recipient:

Enclosed is a pocket-sized version of the *Alaska Incident Management System (AIMS) Guide for Oil and Hazardous Substance Response*. The guide has been endorsed by the co-chairs of the Alaska Regional Response Team (ARRT) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for review and testing by the members of the ARRT and members of the Alaska response community. We ask that you review the AIMS Guide and provide us your input regarding its usefulness by 31 March 2001. Upon completion of the testing period, the ARRT will evaluate comments and lessons learned from spills and drills as well as national efforts in developing common ICS doctrine and formally endorse a response management system for use in Alaska that will be appended to the Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases (Unified Plan).

As general background, the Statewide Oil and Hazardous Substance Incident Management System Work Group was created in October 1998 and included representatives from federal and State agencies, as well as representatives from the oil industry and spill cooperatives. The primary task of this ad hoc work group was to prepare standardized spill response management guidelines acceptable to all users in Alaska.

The resultant product (the AIMS Guide) has applied nationally accepted NIIMS response structures and customized the organization to meet Alaska's unique needs. This guide is not intended to be prescriptive in nature, and provides general guidance for managing an effective response to an oil or hazardous material incident in Alaska.

Please provide your comments on the AIMS Guide to the Alaska RRT by March 31, 2001. You may direct any questions regarding the guide to Larry Iwamoto (269-7683). The electronic version of this document is also available on the Alaska Regional Response Team's website at:

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Encl: AIMS Guide (pocket-sized version)