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The Honorable Shelley Hughes
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Building, Rm 30
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Dear Senator Hughes:

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Department's response to the November 30 earthquake to the Senate Transportation Committee on February 7, 2019. In response to questions posed by committee members, I offer the following information:

Does DOT&PF have an Incident Command System (ICS) set up in all 3 regions?

The Department's Northern Region has two locations at the Peger Road facility that can be quickly converted to Incident Command Centers. Northern Region has been in discussions with the Fairbanks North Star Borough about a multiagency combined response facility in Fairbanks. Northern Region has experience in standing up incident command centers for events in Prudhoe Bay and Valdez. ICS training continues to be a priority for the region.

The Department's Southcoast Region is unlike its sister regions in that very few of the 96 communities in Southcoast Region are connected by road. Only 19 communities have local DOT&PF staff. The Southcoast Region supports incident response in its various communities with management staff in Juneau and operations staff in the communities. The region is increasing incident response capabilities through staff training and regular communication with community incident response managers.

Do the FEMA dollars come directly to DOT&PF and bypass the legislative appropriation process? Does DOT&PF need federal program receipts to receive that money?

The Department will receive this funding via a reimbursable services agreement (RSA) from the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs.

How much higher should the department expect contractors' bills for emergency work done this winter be as compared to the work they will do this summer when contractors have had time to plan, mobilize and etc?

Central Region project costs conducted during winter months as opposed to work conducted during the normal construction season tend to be approximately 10-15% higher. Costs incurred thus far for the earthquake response have been very reasonable.

If you or your committee members have further questions, please feel free to contact Mike Lesmann at (907)465-4772.

Sincerely,



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