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HB 566 Justification

Mr. Speaker, House Bill 566 was introduced by the Governor in response to the Alaska Oil Spill Commission recommendations. The bill establishes in Statute, the State Emergency Response Commission. The State Emergency Response Commission was created for planning for hazardous substance incidents through Administrative Order. It was required in federal law when Congress amended the Superfund Act after the incident in Bhopal India. Under this bill the State Emergency Response Commission's authority would be broadened to include ^{provides spill response preparedness and the development of response plans at the local level} ~~planning for oil spills~~. The Commission will ensure that Alaskan communities and the state are prepared for the next catastrophic oil spill. It will also ensure a more organized response for the many small but serious spills such as the 1967 Glacier Bay ^{spill} in Cook Inlet. The state needs this kind of planning if we are to be able to respond to oil spills in the future.

Last year the legislature passed SB 261 which required the state to develop a state master and regional contingency plans. The State Emergency Response Commission is the perfect entity to do this planning because it includes many of the state agencies that would be involved in spill response as we witnessed in the Exxon Valdez. (Such as DEC, DES, DNR, H&SS, C&RA, DOL, F&G, Public Safety, etc.)

The commission also involves people at the local level. Under the bill, the State Emergency Response Commission may establish Local Emergency

made up of
Planning Committees ~~which will involve~~ elected local officials, fire fighters, police, emergency medical services, civil defense, environmental and community groups, and owners of facilities with oil or hazardous substances. These are the people with the local resources and expertise to best plan and respond to oil and hazardous substance incidents. Each Local ^{Response} plan will be approved by the State Emergency Response Commission ^{with the regional and state master response plans} to ensure consistency and to provide a well organized, coordinated response by state and local officials. It will ensure that in an actual emergency there is little or no confusion.

HB 566 also requires that an incident ^{effectively use the resources of the various state agencies.} command system be utilized to ~~clarify who is in charge.~~ It is critical that a well structured command system ^{be} ~~is~~ implemented that incorporates people from federal, state and local levels. This was a major recommendation of the Alaska Oil Spill Commission. It is also the same system used at both the Federal and State level for forest fires like the one in Yellowstone National Park.

Decrease
confusion
with
state
regional
planning

~~The Alaska Oil Spill Commission also recommended that the state develop regional response plans and that those regional response plans be reviewed by appropriate regional advisory committees. That is exactly what this bill does.~~ ^{The bill} It also ensures that federal, state, local and industry contingency plans are consistent and that there is a clear line of command set up in advance, ~~to assure that the confusion that we saw in the Exxon Valdez does not happen again.~~

QUESTIONS THAT MUST BE ASKED

Contingency
plans
The selection
of DEC
are under
of DEC

Why should DEC have the final state decision making authority?

Just like in a Forest fire where DNR is in charge, DEC is in charge of an oil spill. Oil spills and fires are different from floods, volcanos and other acts of God. First of all it is possible to contain and clean up an oil spill.

Natural
disasters

This takes technical expertise. DEC and DES must work in concert and do the things that each agency is best equipped to do. DES is best equipped to do logistics, evacuate people, set up communications, provide logistics support. DEC is best equipped to make decisions regarding how a spill should be contained, what areas need to be protected and what kind of spill response will be most effective. Under HB 566 DEC may designate

delegate

2 their authority to any individual or entity, however it would be pre-designated in the plan. That is how you give people in local communities the role of making decisions that will protect certain fisheries and important areas. It could be a state, local, federal or private entity that is the incident commander.

change
too involved

Any incident command system has one person in charge. The person in charge is the most qualified person to make technical decisions on things such as dispersants, burning, protection of critical habitat areas etc. The Incident command structure allows for there to be pre-designated commanders at the local level to make decisions most appropriate for that particular region of the state. For example during the Exxon Valdez spill, in Seward, the Incident Command system was employed. In Seward, the Superintendent of the Kenai Fjords National Park was the incident

familiar with oil spills, C-plans, resource protection

commander, she was the most knowledgeable and appropriate person to head up clean up in Seward.

Who is in Charge?

The incident command system sets up a predesignated structure for who is in charge. DEC is the Chair of the State Emergency Response Commission and will create the plans which designate who is in charge. DES as the vice-chair of the Commission will ensure that their capabilities are utilized in all size spills.

Why do we need local emergency planning committees?

Local Emergency Planning Committees which will involve elected local officials, fire fighters, police, emergency medical services, civil defense, environmental and community groups, and owners of facilities with oil or hazardous substances. These are the people with the local resources and expertise to best plan and respond to oil and hazardous substance incidents. Each Local plan will be approved by the State Emergency Response Commission to ensure consistency and to provide a well organized, coordinated response by state and local officials. It will ensure that in an actual emergency there is little or no confusion.

STATE OF ALASKA

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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April 2, 1990

POSITION PAPER ON CS HB 566 (FINANCE)

TITLE

An Act providing that the Department of Environmental conservation has final state decision-making authority during situations involving a response to the release of oil or a hazardous substance; returning to the division of emergency services the catastrophic oil discharge response functions formerly assigned to the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.04.080(a); establishing the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission; requiring certain emergency plans to be substantially equivalent; and providing for an effective date.

EFFECTS OF THE BILL

The bill accomplishes the following:

1. Provides that the Division of Emergency Services is authorized to play their normal role in responding to disaster-related aspects of a catastrophic oil spill. Amends the existing statute giving this authority to the Department of Environmental Conservation.
2. Charges the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) with overseeing planning for both oil and hazardous substance spills. The SERC is an already existing group established by administrative order to carry out the requirements of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act related to hazardous substance planning.
3. Enhances the local role in oil spill response planning.
4. Adopts incident command systems for response to oil and hazardous substance spills.
5. Retains the lead for oil and hazardous substance

response with the Department of Environmental Conservation.

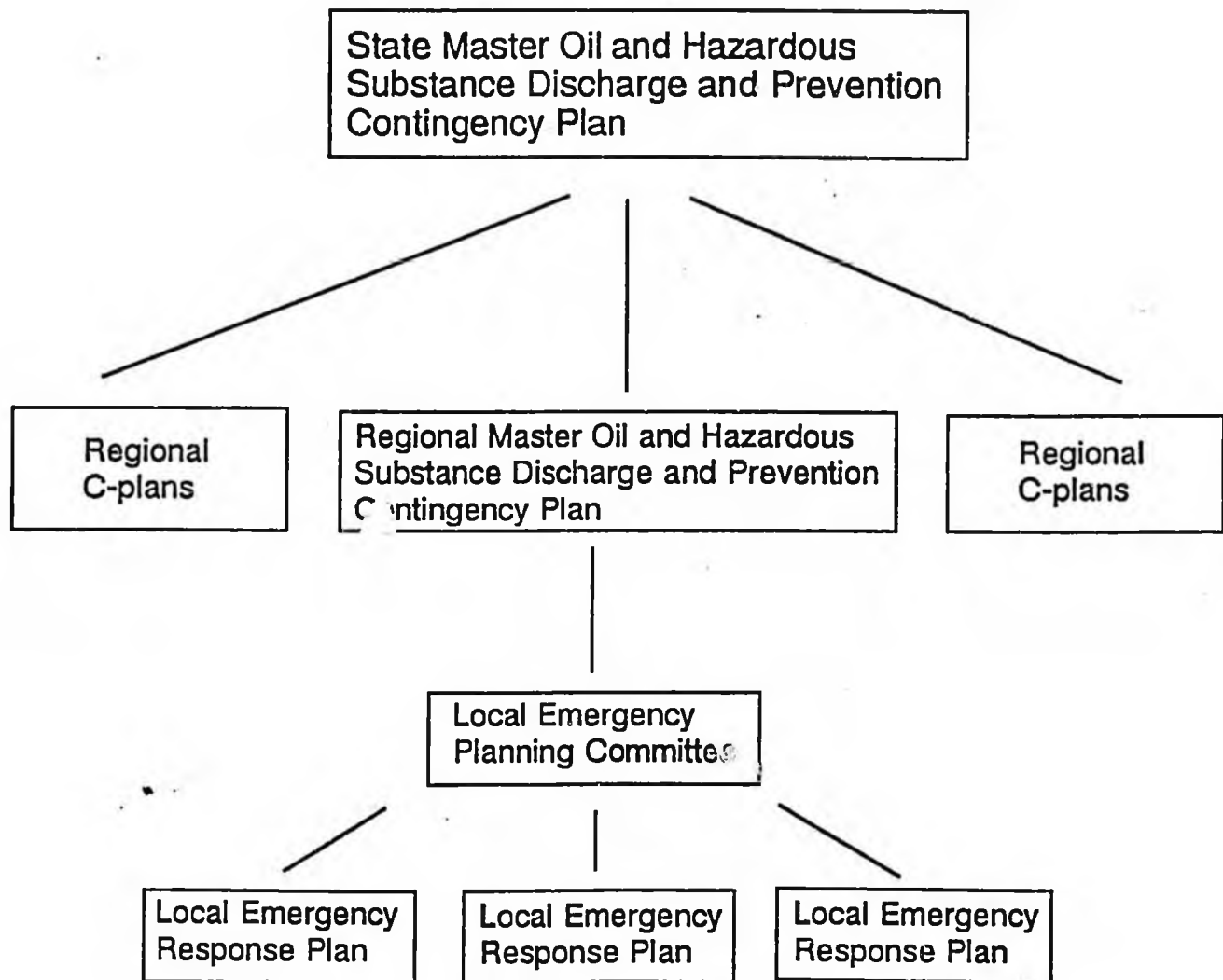
DEPARTMENT POSITION

The Department supports this bill, which is a key part of the Governor's oil spill package.

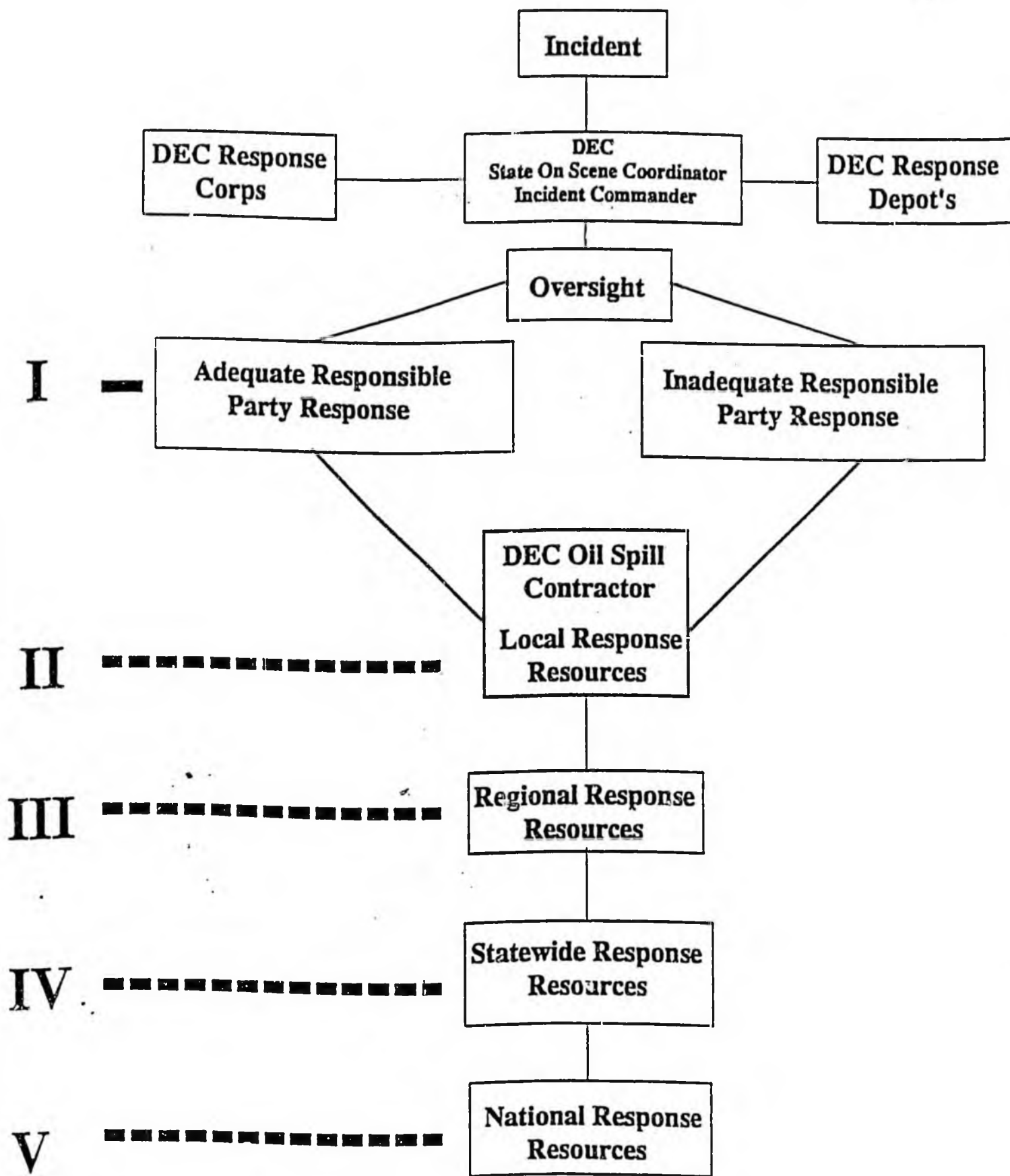
The bill provides for the most productive role for each agency in spill response. It also improves the coordination between local and state entities in planning for response, using already existing structures.

Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Quality

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILL PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE PROGRAM**

**SARA TITLE III
SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

- o Emergency Planning
- o Emergency Notification.
- o Community Right to Know
- o Toxic Chemical Release Reporting
- o Putting SERC into legislation establishes a process by which states, local governments and communities can develop and maintain continued preparedness capacity to mitigate the effects of oil and hazardous substance incidents

LEPD/LEPC STATUS

- o Four Local Emergency Planning Districts (LEPDs) and committees (LEPCs) – the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the Kodiak Island Borough, and the City of Yakutat -- have been sanctioned by the State Emergency Response Commission.
- o One LEPC – the Fairbanks North Star Borough – has submitted a local emergency response plan. this document is in draft form and is currently being reviewed by the Commission's LEPC Review Committee.
- o Ten local governments -- Alakanuk, Bethel, Emmonak, New Stuyahok, the North Slope Borough, St. Paul, Scammon Bay, Shishmaref, Sitka and Unalakleet – have applied for LEPC designation but have deficiencies in their applications.
- o Sixteen jurisdictions – the Aleutians East Borough, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Bristol Bay Borough, Cantwell, Chignik, Haines, Healy, the City & Borough of Juneau, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, the Lake & Peninsula Borough, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, McKinley, New Stuyahok, the Northwest Arctic Borough, Quinhagak and Valdez - have inquired about the LEPC application process but have yet to formally apply.

SERC

- o Develop State and Regional Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharge Contingency Plan.
- o Designates Emergency Planning Districts.
- o Approves appointments of LEPC members.
- o Review and comment on LEPC plans.
- o Ensure that LEPC plans are integrated and compatible with regional and state plans.
- o Ensures that LEPC response organizations are integrated and compatible with regional and state response plans.
- o Provides guidance, technical assistance and limited financial support to LEPCs.
- o Educates the public.

LEPC

- o Develop local emergency response plans.
- o Provide spill response preparedness.
- o Organize training and drills.

ADVANTAGES OF LEPC

- o Existing Structure.
- o Will cover oil and hazardous substances.
- o Maximum flexibility for membership and participation.
- o Locally controlled.
- o Provides avenue for technical assistance and funding.
- o Structure is already established.
- o Ensures coordinated planning and response at local and state level.

Role of DES in a Disaster

DISASTER

PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
GOVERNOR**

**PROCLAMATION EXPIRES AFTER 30 DAYS
UNLESS RENEWED BY THE LEGISLATURE**

FUNCTIONS

- o State Resources made available
- o Transfer and relocate people
- o Commandeer private property
- o Describe routes of transportation
- o Control ingress and egress
- o Suspend sale, dispensing or transportation of alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives and combustibles
- o Provide temporary emergency housing for disaster victims
- o Allocate food, water, fuel or clothing
- o Debris and wreckage removal
- o Arrange for communications
- o Provide temporary power

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

The following is a sectional analysis a bill that authorizes the governor to spend oil and hazardous substance release response fund money during declared disasters, expands the role of the division of emergency services ("DES") during oil spill-related disasters, and establishes the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission.

Sections 1, 2, and 4 authorize the governor to use money from the oil and hazardous substance release response fund to respond to a declared disaster emergency related to an oil or hazardous substance discharge.

Section 3 clarifies the Department of Environmental Conservation's ("DEC") emergency order authority and distinguishes it from DES's authority to respond to declared disaster emergencies under AS 26.23.

Section 5: AS 46.04.080(a) now provides that DEC performs the duties of DES during catastrophic oil discharges. Section 5 returns those duties to DES.

Section 6 establishes the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission. At present, the Commission is established by administrative order.

Section 7 provides that the Act takes effect immediately.

Sectional

4/2/90
Rep. Curt Menard

CS HB 566 (RESOURCES)

SECTION 1,2 & 7 - Authorizes the Governor to use money from the Oil and Hazardous Substances Release Response Fund to respond to a declared disaster.

SECTION 3 - Requires all state and local plans to be consistent with the plans prepared and approved by the State Emergency Response Council.

SECTION 4 - Clarifies the Department of Environmental Conservation's emergency order authority and distinguishes it from Division of Emergency Service's (DES) authority to respond to declared disaster emergencies under AS 26.23.

SECTION 5 - AS 46.04.080 now provides that DEC performs the duties of DES during catastrophic oil discharges, and returns those duties to DES.

SECTION 6 - Requires that state and regional master contingency plans must be consistent with the plans prepared and approved by the State Emergency Response Commission.

SECTION 8 - Establishes the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) in statute and broadens its scope to include oil spills. Presently the Commission is established by administrative order and plans only for response to hazardous substance incidents.

The SERC would be in charge of planning for oil and hazardous substance releases. It is chaired by DEC and vice-chaired by DES. The other members include: F&G, C&RA, H&SS, DOL, DNR, DOT, Public Safety and seven public members.

The SERC must establish local emergency planning committees in regions of the state to develop regional plans for response to oil or hazardous substance incidents. The SERC must ensure that Federal, State, Regional, and Local Contingency plans are all consistent. The plans must incorporate the Incident Command System, a system used for fire suppression which allows state and federal agency forces while using the same command structure.

SECTION 9 - Allows persons who are already members of the SERC can remain on the SERC and the entire commission will not have to be reappointed.

Changes from HB 566 to CS HB 566 (Resources)

1. Tightened title to clarify that DEC has the final decision making authority during oil and hazardous substance releases
2. (Sec. 3) Requires state master and regional contingency plans to be consistent with local, regional, industry and federal plans and those developed by the State Emergency Response Committee
3. Added public safety as a member of the State Emergency Response Commission
4. We incorporated the incident command system into the planning (one of the major recommendations of the Alaska Oil Spill Commission)
5. The SERC must solicit advice from appropriate citizen advisory groups and oversight councils when developing plans.
6. Added transitional language so the existing SERC does not need to be re-appointed.

Finance

- ① Changed shall to may establish local emergency planning committees
- ② Deleted GOVS authority to use 470 funds in a disaster See: 12+7
- ③ Fiscal note - 120.00 for LEPC

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(9)

Date Referred: February 22, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

FINANCE

Date of Committee Action: 3/22/90

The RESOURCES Committee considered:

HB 566

HOUSE BILL NO. 566 OIL/HAZ. SUBST. RELEASE RESPONSES

"An Act authorizing the governor to spend money from the oil and hazardous substance release response fund for declared disasters; expanding the role of the division of emergency services during oil-spill-related declared disasters; establishing the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- be replaced with CS HB 566 (RES) [] the same title
- [] a new title
- [] have attached amendment(s)
- do pass
- [] do not pass
- [] no recommendation
- [] individual recommendations
- [] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s):
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

(Date/Dept)

- fiscal impact ADFG
- zero fiscal note DEC
- [] zero with analysis _____

- [] fiscal note(s) _____
- [] zero fiscal note(s) _____
- [] zero fn/analysis _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

 Cliff Davidson
 Mike Swane
 Forley
 Richardson

SIGNING:

(Check approp. column)

	Do Not Pass	No Rec	Amend
Richardson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
W. Furman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Bill Hudson NEEDS AMENDING.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



 Chairman's Signature

STEVE COWPER
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

February 21, 1990

The Honorable Sam Cotten
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting three bills implementing recommendations made by the Alaska Oil Spill Commission.

One bill authorizes the governor to use the oil and hazardous substance release response fund, established under AS 46.08.010, to respond to declared disaster emergencies under AS 26.23.020(c). The bill also repeals the exception in AS 46.04.080(a) that requires the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to perform the duties of the Division of Emergency Services during a catastrophic oil discharge. Finally, the bill creates in statute the State Emergency Response Commission, presently established by an administrative order.

Another bill extensively revises AS 46.03.758 - 46.03.763, which deals with civil penalties for oil spills. In general, the bill increases penalties for spills and eliminates unwarranted exemptions and defenses.

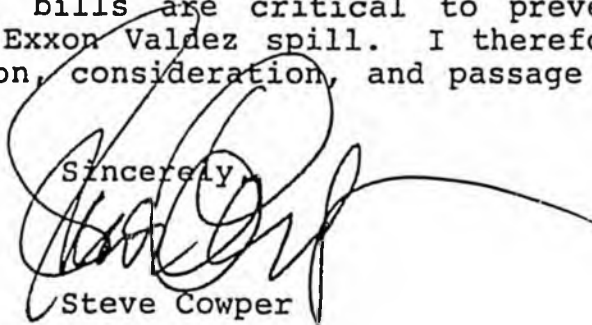
The third bill strengthens DEC's authority to require compliance with oil discharge contingency plans. Of particular significance is the requirement that applicants for contingency plans must maintain sufficient resources to contain and remove, within the shortest possible time, a realistic maximum oil discharge. Next, this bill increases the financial responsibility requirements for offshore oil exploration and production activities, to guarantee that in the event of another spill, significant financial resources will exist to compensate damaged parties, including the state. Finally, this bill authorizes DEC to inspect oil industry facilities and tankers to guarantee compliance with contingency plans and to assure structural integrity of the equipment.

Sectional analyses of each bill, describing the bills in detail, will be provided by my staff.

As you know, the Oil Spill Commission "Executive Summary," issued last month, includes over 50 recommendations. Through this legislation, as well as other bills already under consideration by the legislature (House Bill 409, Senate Bills 359, 421, and 497), most of those recommendations are being addressed. Furthermore, additional legislative proposals based upon these recommendations are still under consideration, and, after review of the full commission report, just released, additional proposals might be forthcoming.

The Oil Spill Commission, after extensive study, has identified several ways for the state to improve its ability to prevent future spills and to better respond if a serious spill occurs again. These bills are critical to prevent another disaster like the Exxon Valdez spill. I therefore urge your serious discussion, consideration, and passage of these measures.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cowper". The signature is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends to the right with a long horizontal flourish.

Steve Cowper
Governor

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
 Title: An Act authorizing the
Governor to spend money...
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: _____
 Components: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0					
REVENUE	0					

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0					
FEDERAL FUNDS	0					
OTHER	0					
TOTAL	0					

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0					
PART-TIME	0					
TEMPORARY	0					

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No FY 90 Impact.

Prepared by: _____ Phone: _____
 Division: _____ Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: *William H. Steyer* Date: 2 27 90
 Agency: Fish and Game

Distribution (by preparer):
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 Requestor
 Office of Management and Budget
 Impacted Agency(ies)

STATE OF ALASKA
1990 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: HB 566 No. 1
PUBLISH DATE: HOUSE 2/22/90

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Environ Conservation
Title: An Act concerning Response Fund
expenditures/DES's role in spill disaster/SERC BRU: Environmental Quality
Sponsor: Rules Committee Components: _____
Requestor: Governor Environmental Quality

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	115.4	115.4	115.4	115.4	115.4	115.4
TRAVEL	80.4	80.4	80.4	80.4	80.4	80.4
CONTRACTUAL	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0
SUPPLIES	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
EQUIPMENT	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
LAND&STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS,CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8

CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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REVENUE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8
FEDERAL FUNDS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OTHER	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8	350.8

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
PART-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TEMPORARY	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
The impact for FY 90 will depend upon the effective date of this legislation.

Prepared by: Camille Stephens
Division: Environmental Quality

Phone: 465-2630
Date: 2/12/90

Approved by Commissioner: _____
Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation

Date: 2/12/90

Distribution (by preparer) :
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Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

Sections 1-5

Sections 1-5 will not require additional resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Section 6

This legislation establishes the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) in statute, giving the Department authority to request funds for performing its duties under the federal law SARA Title III.

The Department presently funds .5 FTE as technical staff to the SERC. This legislation will require two additional FTE (153.4) to serve as technical support to the SERC, coordinate SERC meetings, coordinate establishment of LEPCs, provide technical information to LEPCs, and other duties as required by the statute. The Department considers it essential that SERC/LEPC plans are coordinated with the State and Regional Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans.

Travel expenses and per diem for commission members attending quarterly SERC meetings (6-8 persons) and quarterly subcommittee meetings (6-8 persons) are paid by the Department. There are four subcommittees. Based on an air fare of \$360 and one day per diem at \$80/day, travel and per diem amount to \$70.4.

This legislation will require the commission to establish LEPCs for each emergency planning district. Approximately 12 Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) are in the process of being established at an estimated cost of \$20.0 to each community. Contractual services monies in the amount of \$120.0 (\$10 per LEPC) will be necessary to help insure that LEPCs are established, members receive appropriate training, and that the requirements of this proposed statute and SARA Title III are complied with. This cost will recur in subsequent fiscal years as additional LEPCs are established.

Based on the past year's expenditures, annual costs to advertise quarterly SERC meetings in newspapers will require approximately \$5.0. Annual cost to transcribe audio tapers of quarterly SERC meetings is \$2.0.

SUMMARY

	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>Total</u>
ECO III	57.7	5.0	8.0	1.0	5.0	\$ 76.7
ECO III	57.7	5.0	8.0	1.0	5.0	\$ 76.7
Travel/per diem		70.4				\$ 70.4
Contractual			127.0			\$127.0
TOTALS	115.4	80.4	143.0	2.0	10.0	\$350.8

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3/22/97

Original sponsor(s): Rules/Governor

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 566 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing the governor to spend money from
7 the oil and hazardous substance release response fund
8 for declared disasters; providing that the Department
9 of Environmental Conservation has final state
10 decision-making authority during situations involving
11 a response to the release of oil or a hazardous sub-
12 stance; returning to the division of emergency ser-
13 vices the catastrophic oil discharge response func-
14 tions formerly assigned to the Department of Environ-
15 mental Conservation under AS 46.04.080(a); estab-
16 lishing the Alaska State Emergency Response Commis-
17 sion; requiring certain emergency plans to be sub-
18 stantially equivalent; and providing for an effective
19 date."

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

21 * Section 1. AS 26.23.020(g) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
22 read:

23 (11) use money from the oil and hazardous substance release
24 response fund, established by AS 46.08.010, to respond to a declared
25 disaster emergency related to an oil or hazardous substance discharge.

26 * Sec. 2. AS 26.23.050(b) is amended to read:

27 (b) Whenever, and to the extent that, money is needed to cope
28 with a disaster, the first recourse shall be to funds regularly appro-
29 priated to state and local agencies. The second recourse shall be to

1 funds available in the disaster relief fund or, for oil or hazardous
2 substances discharges, the oil and hazardous substance release re-
3 sponse fund, as the governor determines appropriate. If money avail-
4 able from these sources is insufficient, and if the governor finds
5 that other sources of money to cope with the disaster are not avail-
6 able or are insufficient, the governor may, notwithstanding any limi-
7 tation imposed by AS 37.07.080(e), transfer and spend money appropri-
8 ated for other purposes or, in situations involving natural disasters,
9 borrow from the United States government or other public or private
10 sources for a term not to exceed two years.

11 * Sec. 3. AS 26.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 26.23.215. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANNING STATUTES. To the
13 extent that the state emergency plan, interjurisdictional plans, and
14 local plans prepared under this chapter relate to action required to
15 avert damage from a release of oil or a hazardous substance, the plans
16 must be substantially equivalent in relevant respects to the emergency
17 plans prepared or approved by the Alaska State Emergency Response
18 Commission under AS 46.13 and use the same incident command system
19 used in those plans.

20 * Sec. 4. AS 46.03.865(c) is amended to read:

21 (c) When the department issues an order [DURING A PERIOD OF
22 EMERGENCY DECLARED] under (a) of this section, each state agency [,
23 INCLUDING, WHEN APPROPRIATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS'
24 AFFAIRS UNDER THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY AS 26.20,] shall take whatev-
25 er action the department finds necessary to meet the emergency, and to
26 protect the public health, welfare, or environment.

27 * Sec. 5. AS 46.04.080(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) The actual or imminent occurrence of a catastrophic oil
29 discharge constitutes a disaster emergency under AS 26.23. In the

1 event of a catastrophic oil discharge, the [HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT
2 SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE ALASKA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
3 UNDER AS 26.23.040 AS THEY APPLY TO CATASTROPHIC OIL DISCHARGES. THE]
4 department shall, to the extent consistent with the plans developed
5 under AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210 and AS 46.13, consult and coordinate
6 its duties under this chapter and AS 46.03 [SECTION] with the Alaska
7 division of emergency services.

8 * Sec. 6. AS 46.04 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to
9 read:

10 Sec. 46.04.220. CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER PLANS. The plans pre-
11 pared under AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210 must be substantially equivalent
12 in relevant respects to the emergency plans prepared or approved by
13 the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission under AS 46.13 and use
14 the same incident command system used in those plans.

15 * Sec. 7. AS 46.08.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (b) When the governor declares a disaster related to an oil or
17 hazardous substance discharge emergency under AS 26.23.020(c), the
18 governor may, during the effective period of the disaster emergency,
19 use money from the fund to respond to the disaster emergency.

20 * Sec. 8. AS 46 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

21 CHAPTER 13. ALASKA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION.

22 Sec. 46.13.010. ALASKA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
23 ESTABLISHED. There is established in the Department of Environmental
24 Conservation the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission.

25 Sec. 46.13.020. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION. The commission
26 consists of the commissioners of community and regional affairs,
27 environmental conservation, fish and game, health and social services,
28 labor, natural resources, public safety, and transportation and public
29 facilities, or the designees of the commissioners, the adjutant

1 general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs or a
2 designee, and seven public members to be appointed by the governor.
3 To the extent practicable, the commission must include members with
4 expertise in the emergency response field.

5 Sec. 46.13.030. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The commission
6 shall

7 (1) serve as the state emergency response commission re-
8 quired under 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005;

9 (2) designate, and revise as necessary, the boundaries of
10 emergency planning districts, using the boundaries of political sub-
11 divisions if appropriate;

12 (3) review, oversee, and facilitate the preparation and
13 implementation of emergency plans for hazardous substance response,
14 including statewide, regional, and local contingency plans prepared
15 under AS 26.23 and AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210;

16 (4) establish a local emergency planning committee for each
17 emergency planning district, and appoint, and revise as necessary, the
18 membership of each committee;

19 (5) supervise and coordinate the activities of local emer-
20 gency planning committees;

21 (6) establish procedures for receiving and processing
22 requests from the public for information under 42 U.S.C. 11044, in-
23 cluding tier II information under 42 U.S.C. 11022;

24 (7) perform other coordinating, advisory, or planning tasks
25 related to hazardous substance emergency planning and preparedness,
26 community right-to-know reporting, toxic chemical release reporting,
27 or management of hazardous substances;

28 (8) provide procedures and oversight to integrate, as
29 appropriate, hazardous substance response planning under 42 U.S.C.

1 11001 - 11005, federal contingency planning under 33 U.S.C. 1321 and
2 other federal laws applicable to hazardous substance discharges, and
3 state, regional, and local hazardous substance contingency planning
4 under AS 26.23 and AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210;

5 (9) to the extent consistent with the constitution and law
6 of the state, perform all other functions prescribed for state emer-
7 gency response commissions under 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005; and

8 (10) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes
9 of this chapter and 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005.

10 Sec. 46.13.040. OFFICERS, TERMS, AND COMPENSATION. The commis-
11 sioner of environmental conservation, or the commissioner's designee,
12 shall chair the commission. The adjutant general of the Department of
13 Military and Veterans' Affairs, or the adjutant general's designee,
14 shall serve as vice-chair. Members of the commission other than those
15 from the designated state departments serve at the pleasure of the
16 governor for staggered terms of three years. Members of the commis-
17 sion serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and
18 travel expenses authorized for members of boards and commissions under
19 AS 39.20.180.

20 Sec. 46.13.050. AGENCY COOPERATION. The commission may request
21 data, reports, or other information from a state agency. To the
22 extent feasible, the state agency shall cooperate with the commission
23 and furnish the commission with the information and assistance neces-
24 sary to accomplish the purposes of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005 and this
25 chapter.

26 Sec. 46.13.060. EMERGENCY PLANNING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. Bound-
27 aries for emergency planning districts are the regions designated by
28 the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veter-
29 ans' Affairs unless otherwise designated by the commission.

1 Sec. 46.13.070. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES. The com-
2 mission shall establish and appoint the members of a local emergency
3 planning committee for each emergency planning district. Each commit-
4 tee must include, at a minimum, representatives from each of the
5 following groups or organizations: elected state and local officials;
6 law enforcement; civil defense; fire fighting; first aid; health;
7 local environmental, hospital, and transportation personnel; broadcast
8 and print media; community groups; and owners and operators of facili-
9 ties subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005.

10 Sec. 46.13.080. DUTIES OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES.
11 Each local emergency planning committee shall

12 (1) establish procedures for receiving and processing
13 requests from the public for information under 42 U.S.C. 11044, in-
14 cluding tier II information under 42 U.S.C. 11022;

15 (2) appoint a chair and establish rules by which the com-
16 mittee shall function, including provisions for public notification of
17 committee activities, public meetings to discuss the emergency plan,
18 public comments, response to the comments by the committee, distribu-
19 tion of the emergency plan, and designation of an official to serve as
20 coordinator for information;

21 (3) prepare and periodically review an emergency plan in
22 accordance with 42 U.S.C. 11003(a);

23 (4) evaluate the need for resources necessary to develop,
24 implement, and exercise the emergency plan, and make recommendations
25 with respect to additional resources that may be required and the
26 means for providing the additional resources;

27 (5) to the extent consistent with the constitution and law
28 of the state, perform all other functions prescribed for emergency
29 planning committees in 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005; and

1 (6) participate as a local advisory committee in the prepa-
2 ration of statewide regional contingency plans.

3 Sec. 46.13.090. EMERGENCY PLANS. (a) Each emergency plan must
4 include

5 (1) identification of facilities subject to the require-
6 ments of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005 that are within the emergency plan-
7 ning district, identification of routes likely to be used for the
8 transportation of substances on the list of extremely hazardous sub-
9 stances referred to in 42 U.S.C. 302(a), and identification of addi-
10 tional facilities contributing or subjected to additional risk due to
11 their proximity to facilities subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C.
12 11001 - 11005 such as hospitals or natural gas facilities;

13 (2) methods and procedures to be followed by facility
14 owners and operators and local emergency and medical personnel to
15 respond to a release of hazardous substances, and to a release of
16 substances on the list of extremely hazardous substances referred to
17 in 42 U.S.C. 302(a);

18 (3) designation of a community emergency coordinator and
19 facility emergency coordinators, who shall make determinations neces-
20 sary to implement the emergency plan;

21 (4) procedures providing reliable, effective, and timely
22 notification by the facility emergency coordinators to persons des-
23 igned in the emergency plan, and to the public, that a release has
24 occurred, consistent with the emergency notification requirements of
25 42 U.S.C. 11004;

26 (5) methods for determining the occurrence of a release,
27 and the area or population likely to be affected by that release;

28 (6) a description of emergency equipment and facilities in
29 the community and at each facility in the community subject to the

1 requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005, and an identification of the
2 persons responsible for the equipment and facilities;

3 (7) evacuation plans, including provisions for a precau-
4 tionary evacuation and alternative traffic routes;

5 (8) training programs, including schedules for training of
6 local emergency response and medical personnel; and

7 (9) methods and schedules for exercising the emergency
8 plan.

9 (b) Each emergency plan must incorporate within it an incident
10 command system. The incident command system must provide that final
11 state decision-making authority in situations involving a response to
12 the release of a hazardous substance lies with the Department of
13 Environmental Conservation. The plans must include criteria the
14 department will use when considering whether to delegate all or part
15 of its authority in specific response situations.

16 Sec. 46.13.100. CONSULTATION WITH CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS. The
17 commission and the local planning committees established under AS 46.-
18 13.070 actively solicit the advice of appropriate citizen advi-
19 sory groups and oversight councils when performing their duties under
20 this chapter. When feasible, the commission and planning committees
21 shall meet with the advisory groups and oversight councils or with
22 representatives of the groups or councils.

23 Sec. 46.13.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

24 (1) "commission" means the Alaska State Emergency Response
25 Commission;

26 (2) "hazardous substance" has the meaning given in AS 46.-
27 03.826.

28 * Sec. 9. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION. The Alaska State Emergency Response
29 Commission established under AS 46.13, enacted by sec. 8 of this Act, is a
CSHB 566(Res)

1 continuation of the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission established
2 by Administrative Order No. 103. The terms of the public members of the
3 commission who are serving terms on the effective date of this Act continue
4 until the date that was scheduled for their expiration before the effective
5 date of this Act.

6 * Sec. 10. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
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TO: Garrey Peska, Chief of Staff
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Office of the Governor

TO: Senator Al Adams
TO: Representative Eileen
MacLean

FROM: Dennis Roper, State Government Affairs
Juneau Office

DATE: February 23, 1990

SUBJ: ANAKTUVUK PASS - NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
DISASTER RELIEF

This will give you early notice that the North Slope Borough intends to request disaster relief from the Governor for the Borough village, Anaktuvuk Pass, for damage resulting from a fuel spill of approximately 40,000 gallons, and possibly for contamination of the village water supply.

At this time, the best estimate for the clean up is approximately \$750,000 and does not include pipe repair.

This notification is for your information prior to Mayor's Ahmaogak's formal request for a Declaration of Disaster.

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March 14, 1990

The Honorable Curt Menard
Co-Chairman, House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: HB 566; establishing the
Alaska State Emergency
Response Commission

Dear Representative Menard:

One of the bills currently before the House Resources Committee is HB 566 which, among other things, establishes the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission. I am writing to request that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) be added to the other State agencies which comprise the commission.

As you know, HB 566 would create by statute the successor to the present Emergency Response Commission (ERC) which was created by Administrative Order in response to the EXXON VALDEZ oil spill in Prince William Sound last year. While the Department of Public Safety has worked closely with the present ERC, we are not formally a member of it. Considering the limited role that DPS played in the spill cleanup efforts, after the initial response was over, we felt it was not necessary for DPS to be on the oil spill ERC.

The ERC established by HB 566 is of a more general and long term nature, however. Considering the broad responsibilities the new ERC would have, we strongly believe that DPS should be included in the commission. We have discussed this with the Governor's Office and they agree with our position. I respectfully request that, if HB 566 is moved from

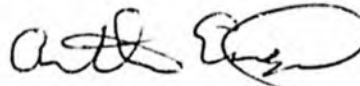
The Honorable Curt Menard -2-

March 14, 1990

committee, a committee substitute which adds DPS to the commission be considered.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur English".

Arthur English
Commissioner

cc: Shari Kochman
Legislative Staff Assistant
Office of the Governor

A M E N D M E N T #2

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REP. PHILLIPS

TO: CSHB 566 (Finance)

Page 1, line 6, through page 8, line 5:

Delete all material and insert:

"For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing the governor to spend money from the oil and hazardous substance release response fund for declared disasters; transferring the oil and hazardous substance response office to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; relating to the duties of the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs in relation to oil, hazardous substances, and radioactive material; providing that the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs has final state decision-making authority in responses to catastrophic oil discharges and emergency disasters declared by the governor that relate to oil or hazardous substances; establishing the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission and the Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council; transferring the responsibility for the statewide and regional master oil and hazardous substance discharge and prevention contingency plans to the Alaska State Emergency

Response Commission; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 26.23.020(g) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(11) use money from the oil and hazardous substance release response fund, established by AS 46.08.010, to respond to a declared disaster emergency related to an oil or hazardous substance discharge.

* Sec. 2. AS 26.23.040 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) The Alaska division of emergency services shall establish the oil and hazardous substance response office and perform related duties under AS 46.08.100 - 46.08.190.

* Sec. 3. AS 26.23.050(b) is amended to read:

(b) Whenever, and to the extent that, money is needed to cope with a disaster, the first recourse shall be to funds regularly appropriated to state and local agencies. The second recourse shall be to funds available in the disaster relief fund or, for oil or hazardous substances discharges, the oil and hazardous substance release response fund, as the governor determines appropriate. If money available from these sources is insufficient, and if the governor finds that other sources of money to cope with the disaster are not available or are insufficient, the governor may, notwithstanding any limitation imposed by AS 37.07.080(e), transfer and spend money appropriated for other purposes or, in situations involving natural disasters, borrow from the United States government or other public or private sources for a term not to exceed two years.

* Sec. 4. AS 26.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 26.23.215. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANNING STATUTES. To the extent that the state emergency plan, interjurisdictional plans, and local plans prepared under this chapter relate to action required to avert damage from a release of oil or a hazardous substance, the plans must be substantially equivalent in relevant respects to the emergency plans prepared or approved by the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission under AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210 and AS 46.13 and use the same incident command system used in those plans.

* Sec. 5. AS 39.50.200(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(50) Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council (AS 46.13.110).

* Sec. 6. AS 44.66.010(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(17) Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council (AS 46.13.110) -- June 30, 1994.

* Sec. 7. AS 46.03.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(14) enter into agreements with agencies of the state and federal government, political subdivisions, the University of Alaska, or private entities to conduct research into oil and hazardous substances spill technology; the department shall give priority to research topics recommended to it by the Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council under AS 46.13.120.

* Sec. 8. AS 46.03.865(a) is amended to read:

(a) When the department finds that an actual or imminent discharge of oil, a hazardous substance, or low level radioactive materials to the air, water, land, or subsurface land of the state poses

an immediate threat to the public health or welfare [,] or the environment of the state, it may issue an order declaring an emergency and directing a person or persons to take action the department believes necessary to meet the emergency, and protect the public health, welfare, or environment. The department may also exercise the authority granted to the oil and hazardous substance response office under AS 46.08.140. However, if the situation for which the department declares an emergency develops into a catastrophic oil discharge, as defined in AS 46.04.900, or becomes a declared disaster emergency under AS 26.23, the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, shall exercise the authority of the department under this subsection and the department's activities shall be subject to the approval of the division.

* Sec. 9. AS 46.03.865(c) is amended to read:

(c) During a period of emergency declared under (a) of this section, each state agency, including, when appropriate, the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs [UNDER THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY AS 26.20], shall take whatever action the department finds necessary to meet the emergency [,] and to protect the public health, welfare, or environment. However, if the situation for which the department declared an emergency develops into a catastrophic oil discharge, as defined in AS 46.04.900, or becomes a declared disaster under AS 26.23, each state agency, including the department, shall take whatever action the division of emergency services finds is necessary to meet the disaster and to protect the public health, welfare, or environment.

* Sec. 10. AS 46.04.080(a) is amended to read:

(a) The actual or imminent occurrence of a catastrophic oil discharge constitutes a disaster emergency under AS 26.23 without a declaration of disaster by the governor under AS 26.23.020. The [. HOWEVER, THE] department shall augment and support [PERFORM THE DUTIES OF] the Alaska division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, in the performance of the division's duties under AS 26.23.040 and AS 46.08.100 - 46.08.190 as they apply to catastrophic oil discharges. During a response to a catastrophic oil discharge, the [THE] department shall consult and coordinate its duties [UNDER THIS SECTION] with the Alaska division of emergency services and act under directives of the division.

* Sec. 11. AS 46.04.090(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department, when feasible, shall enter into contracts with persons or private organizations to provide the personnel, equipment, or other services or supplies that [WHICH] may be required to carry out this chapter. Contracts under this section are governed by AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code). When private contracting is not feasible, the department may establish and maintain at ports, harbors, or other locations in the state, the cleanup personnel, equipment, and supplies that [WHICH], in its judgment, are necessary to carry out this chapter. When exercising its authority under this subsection, the department shall coordinate with the oil and hazardous substance response office in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to avoid duplication of efforts.

* Sec. 12. AS 46.04.200 is amended to read:

Sec. 46.04.200. STATE MASTER PLAN. (a) The Alaska State Emergency Response Commission [DEPARTMENT] shall prepare and annually review and revise a statewide master oil and hazardous substance discharge and prevention contingency plan.

(b) The state master plan prepared under this section must

(1) take into consideration the elements of an oil discharge contingency plan approved or submitted for approval by the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.04.030;

(2) include an incident command system consistent with the requirements of AS 46.13.090(b) that clarifies and specifies [CLARIFY AND SPECIFY] the respective responsibilities of each of the following in the assessment, containment, and cleanup of a [CATASTROPHIC OIL DISCHARGE OR OF A SIGNIFICANT] discharge of oil or a hazardous substance into the environment of the state:

(A) the Department of Environmental Conservation, the division of emergency services in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and other agencies of the state;

(B) municipalities of the state;

(C) appropriate federal agencies;

(D) operators of facilities;

(E) private parties whose land and other property may be affected by the oil or hazardous substance discharge; and

(F) other parties identified by the commission [COMMISSIONER] as having an interest in or the resources to assist in the containment and cleanup of an oil or hazardous substance discharge;

(3) include an incident command system consistent with the requirements of AS 46.13.090(b) that specifies [SPECIFY] the respective responsibilities of parties identified in (2) of this subsection in an emergency response under AS 26.23, AS 46.03.865, or AS 46.04.-080; and

(4) identify actions necessary to reduce the likelihood of catastrophic oil discharges and significant discharges of hazardous substances.

(c) In preparing and annually reviewing the state master plan, the commission [COMMISSIONER] shall

(1) consult with municipal and community officials, and with representatives of affected regional organizations;

(2) submit the draft plan to the public for review and comment;

(3) submit to the legislature for review, not later than the 10th day following the convening of each regular session, the plan and any annual revision of the plan; and

(4) require or schedule unannounced oil spill drills to test the sufficiency of an oil discharge contingency plan approved under AS 46.04.030 or of the cleanup plans of a party identified under (b)(2) of this section.

* Sec. 13. AS 46.04.210(a) is amended to read:

(a) For any region of the state, the boundaries of which are determined by the commission [COMMISSIONER] by regulation, in which the department is required to review and approve an oil discharge contingency plan submitted by a person under AS 46.04.030, the

commission [DEPARTMENT] shall prepare and annually review and revise a regional master oil and hazardous substance discharge and prevention contingency plan.

* Sec. 14. AS 46.04 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

Sec. 46.04.220. DEFINITION. In AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210, "commission" means the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission established under AS 46.13.

* Sec. 15. AS 46.08.040 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) When the governor declares a disaster related to an oil or hazardous substance discharge emergency under AS 26.23.020(c), the governor may, during the effective period of the disaster emergency, use money from the fund to respond to the disaster emergency.

(c) The adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs may use money from the fund to pay costs incurred by the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, to

(1) establish and maintain the oil and hazardous substance response office and for the expenses of the oil and hazardous substance response corps and the oil and hazardous substance response depots established by that office; and

(2) contain, clean up, and take other necessary action to address a release or threatened release of oil or a hazardous substance.

(d) The Alaska State Emergency Response Commission may use money from the fund to prepare, review, and revise the state and regional

master oil and hazardous substance discharge and prevention contingency plans required under AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210.

* Sec. 16. AS 46.08.070(a) is amended to read:

(a) The commissioner and the adjutant general shall seek reimbursement promptly under this section, AS 46.03.760(e), or federal law for the cost incurred in the cleanup or containment of oil or a hazardous substance that has been released.

* Sec. 17. AS 46.08.070(b) is amended to read:

(b) The attorney general, at the request of the commissioner or the adjutant general, shall immediately seek to recover money expended by the department or the division of emergency services under AS 46.-08.005 - 46.08.080 or other law to contain and clean up oil or a hazardous substance that has been released or to control the threatened release of oil or a hazardous substance.

* Sec. 18. AS 46.08.100 is amended to read:

Sec. 46.08.100. OFFICE ESTABLISHED. There is established in the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, [DEPARTMENT] the oil and hazardous substance response office. The office shall include a director and employees who are specially trained in programs and technologies related to the containment and cleanup of releases or threatened releases of oil and hazardous substances.

* Sec. 19. AS 46.08.110(c) is amended to read:

(c) Members of the corps are entitled to per diem and expenses as determined by the division [COMMISSIONER] for training and for days spent in service to the state in containment and cleanup actions.

* Sec. 20. AS 46.08.130(b) is amended to read:

(b) The office may respond under (a) of this section to an oil or hazardous substance discharge only if:

(1) the oil discharge is a catastrophic oil discharge that constitutes a disaster [AN] emergency under AS 46.04.080(a);

(2) the discharge of oil or a hazardous substance is declared to be an emergency under AS 46.03.865;

(3) the governor declares the discharge an emergency under AS 26.23; or

(4) the division director or the commissioner of environmental conservation reasonably believes that there has been a discharge of oil or a hazardous substance, or that there is a potential discharge of oil or a hazardous substance, and the discharge may qualify under (1) - (3) of this subsection; or

(5) the office is requested by the commissioner of environmental conservation to assist the department because the commissioner reasonably believes that the discharge or potential discharge poses an imminent and substantial threat to public health or welfare or to the environment.

* Sec. 21. AS 46.08.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) When the office responds to an oil or hazardous substance discharge under this section, its activities are governed by the incident command system applicable to the type of discharge to which it is responding, as required under AS 46.13.090(b).

* Sec. 22. AS 46.08.190 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(4) "division" means the division of emergency services,

Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

* Sec. 23. AS 46.08 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. RESPONSE TECHNOLOGIES.

Sec. 46.08.200. APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RESPONSE TECHNOLOGIES. (a)
The department shall, by regulation, adopt procedures and criteria it will use for approving or disapproving equipment, substances, and other technologies for use in containment and cleanup of a release of oil or a hazardous substance. The regulations must include the protocols developed by the Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council under AS 46.13.120 and provide that the approval process will take no longer than six months after the date the department receives an application for approval.

(b) A person may apply to the department for approval of equipment, a substance, or other technology for use in containment or cleanup of a potential release of oil or a hazardous substance. An application under this subsection must be in written form and include information requested by the department.

Sec. 46.08.210. PROHIBITION. A person may not use equipment, a substance, or other technology for containment or cleanup of a release of oil or a hazardous substance unless the equipment, substance, or other technology has been approved by the department for that use.

* Sec. 24. AS 46.09.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 46.09.030. DISASTER EMERGENCIES. The commissioner of environmental conservation or the director of the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, may request the governor to determine that an actual or imminent release

of a hazardous substance constitutes a disaster emergency under AS 26.23. If the governor declares a disaster emergency under AS 26.-23, the commissioner shall [MAY] assist the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, [ADJUTANT GENERAL] in the relief of the emergency.

* Sec. 25. AS 46 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 13. ALASKA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION.

Sec. 46.13.010. ALASKA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED. (a) There is established in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission.

(b) The oil and hazardous substance response office established under AS 46.08.100 shall serve as staff for the commission.

Sec. 46.13.020. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION. The commission consists of the commissioners of community and regional affairs, environmental conservation, fish and game, health and social services, labor, natural resources, public safety, and transportation and public facilities, or the designees of the commissioners, the adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs or a designee, and seven public members to be appointed by the governor. To the extent practicable, the commission must include members with expertise in the emergency response field.

Sec. 46.13.030. OFFICERS, TERMS, AND COMPENSATION. The adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, or the adjutant general's designee, shall chair the commission. The commissioner of environmental conservation, or the commissioner's designee, shall serve as vice-chair. Members of the commission other than those

from the designated state departments serve at the pleasure of the governor for staggered terms of three years. Members of the commission serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

Sec. 46.13.040. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The commission shall

(1) serve as the state emergency response commission required under 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005;

(2) designate, and revise as necessary, the boundaries of emergency planning districts, using the boundaries of political subdivisions if appropriate;

(3) review, oversee, and facilitate the preparation and implementation of emergency plans for hazardous substance response, including the statewide and local plans prepared under AS 26.23;

(4) prepare, review, and revise the statewide and regional master oil and hazardous substance discharge and prevention contingency plans required under AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210;

(5) establish a local emergency planning committee for each emergency planning district, and appoint, and revise as necessary, the membership of each committee;

(6) supervise and coordinate the activities of local emergency planning committees;

(7) establish procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public for information under 42 U.S.C. 11044, including tier II information under 42 U.S.C. 11022;

(8) perform other coordinating, advisory, or planning tasks related to hazardous substance emergency planning and preparedness, community right-to-know reporting, toxic chemical release reporting, or management of hazardous substances;

(9) provide procedures and oversight to integrate, as appropriate, hazardous substance response planning under 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005, federal contingency planning under 33 U.S.C. 1321 and other federal laws applicable to hazardous substance discharges, and state, regional, and local hazardous substance contingency planning under AS 26.23 and AS 46.04.200 - 46.04.210;

(10) to the extent consistent with the constitution and law of the state, perform all other functions prescribed for state emergency response commissions under 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005; and

(11) adopt regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005.

Sec. 46.13.050. AGENCY COOPERATION. The commission may request data, reports, or other information from a state agency. To the extent feasible and not otherwise prohibited by laws making specific information confidential and nondisclosable, a state agency shall cooperate with the commission and furnish the commission with the information and assistance necessary to accomplish the purposes of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005 and this chapter.

Sec. 46.13.060. EMERGENCY PLANNING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. Boundaries for emergency planning districts are the regions designated by the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs unless otherwise designated by the commission.

Sec. 46.13.070. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES. The commission shall establish and appoint the members of a local emergency planning committee for each emergency planning district. Each committee must include, at a minimum, representatives from each of the following groups or organizations: elected state and local officials; law enforcement; civil defense; fire fighting; first aid; health; local environmental, hospital, and transportation personnel; broadcast and print media; community groups; and owners and operators of facilities subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005.

Sec. 46.13.080. DUTIES OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES. Each local emergency planning committee shall

(1) establish procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public for information under 42 U.S.C. 11044, including tier II information under 42 U.S.C. 11022;

(2) appoint a chair and establish rules by which the committee shall function, including provisions for public notification of committee activities, public meetings to discuss the emergency plan, public comments, response to the comments by the committee, distribution of the emergency plan, and designation of an official to serve as coordinator for information;

(3) prepare and periodically review an emergency plan in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 11003(a);

(4) evaluate the need for resources necessary to develop, implement, and exercise the emergency plan, and make recommendations with respect to additional resources that may be required and the means for providing the additional resources;

(5) to the extent consistent with the constitution and law of the state, perform all other functions prescribed for emergency planning committees in 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005; and

(6) participate as a local advisory committee in the preparation of statewide regional contingency plans.

Sec. 46.13.090. EMERGENCY PLANS. (a) Each emergency plan must include

(1) identification of facilities subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005 that are within the emergency planning district, identification of routes likely to be used for the transportation of substances on the list of extremely hazardous substances referred to in 42 U.S.C. 302(a), and identification of additional facilities contributing or subjected to additional risk due to their proximity to facilities subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005 such as hospitals or natural gas facilities;

(2) methods and procedures to be followed by facility owners and operators and local emergency and medical personnel to respond to a release of hazardous substances, and to a release of substances on the list of extremely hazardous substances referred to in 42 U.S.C. 302(a);

(3) designation of a community emergency coordinator and facility emergency coordinators, who shall make determinations necessary to implement the emergency plan;

(4) procedures providing reliable, effective, and timely notification by the facility emergency coordinators to persons designated in the emergency plan, and to the public, that a release has

occurred, consistent with the emergency notification requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11004;

(5) methods for determining the occurrence of a release, and the area or population likely to be affected by that release;

(6) a description of emergency equipment and facilities in the community and at each facility in the community subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 11001 - 11005, and an identification of the persons responsible for the equipment and facilities;

(7) evacuation plans, including provisions for a precautionary evacuation and alternative traffic routes;

(8) training programs, including schedules for training of local emergency response and medical personnel; and

(9) methods and schedules for exercising the emergency plan.

(b) Each emergency plan must incorporate within it an incident command system. The incident command system must provide that final state decision-making authority in situations involving a response to a release of a hazardous substance lies with the Department of Environmental Conservation unless the release is a declared disaster emergency under AS 26.23 or a catastrophic oil discharge under AS 46.-04.080, in which case the incident command system must provide that final state decision-making authority lies with the division of emergency services, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Sec. 46.13.100. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. The legislature

(1) finds and declares that there exists a lack of scientific knowledge concerning the availability, properties, and

effectiveness of various hazardous substance containment and cleanup technologies; and

(2) concludes that it is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to establish a Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council in the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission to assist in the identification of containment and cleanup products and procedures for arctic and sub-arctic hazardous substance releases and make recommendations to the departments and agencies of the state regarding their use and deployment.

Sec. 46.13.110. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILL TECHNOLOGY REVIEW COUNCIL. (a) There is established in the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission the Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council.

(b) The council consists of the adjutant general of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, the commissioner of environmental conservation, a representative of the University of Alaska appointed by the governor, the governor's senior science advisor, a representative of the Prince William Sound Science Center in Cordova appointed by the governor, and four other members, one from each judicial district of the state, appointed by the governor, with broad experience or expertise in one or more of the following areas: physical or biological science; oil technology, transportation, or management; fisheries; economics; environmental engineering; or law. The U.S. Coast Guard and the Environmental Protection Agency may each appoint a federal employee to the council to represent their agencies as nonvoting members. Appointed state members of the council serve

overlapping three-year terms.

(c) The council members shall elect from among themselves a chair and vice-chair.

(d) The oil and hazardous substance response office established under AS 46.08.100 shall serve as staff for the council.

(e) State and federal members of the council serve without compensation, but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

(f) The council shall meet regularly at the call of the commission or the chair of the council.

(g) State members of the council are subject to AS 39.50.

Sec. 46.13.120. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL. The council shall

(1) review and recommend to the Department of Environmental Conservation research topics for it to pursue under its authority in AS 46.03.020(a)(14);

(2) establish testing protocols to be used by the Department of Environmental Conservation to evaluate the effectiveness of hazardous substance spill technologies for use in the state;

(3) identify sources of money that may be available for discharge-related research;

(4) make proposals to the governor and commission to encourage and fund prevention, response, cleanup, and mitigation of future discharges of hazardous substances;

(5) compile and maintain information relating to

(A) containment and cleanup technology that is available in the event of a hazardous substance discharge, the extent

to which current containment and cleanup technology is available and may be applied in the state, and ways to improve hazardous substance spill response technology and procedures;

(B) steps that should be taken by government and industry to ensure proper management, handling, and transportation of hazardous substances and to improve the statewide ability of industry and governmental agencies to respond to discharges of hazardous substances;

(C) the extent to which industry practices and governmental practices or laws should be changed to reduce or minimize the potential for hazardous substance discharges;

(D) hazardous substances spill technology research conducted by the Department of Environmental Conservation; and

(6) perform other functions as may be requested by the commission.

Sec. 46.13.130. INVESTIGATIONS; HEARINGS. (a) The council may issue subpoenas, administer oaths, and conduct investigations related to its duties.

(b) The council may compel the attendance of witnesses and production of papers, books, records, accounts, documents, and testimony, and may have the deposition of witnesses taken in a manner prescribed by court rule or law for the taking of depositions in civil actions when consistent with the duties assigned to the council.

(c) On a majority vote of the council, subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum may be issued and served in the manner prescribed by AS 44.62.430(b) and (c) and court rule. The failure, refusal, or

neglect to obey a subpoena is punishable as contempt in the manner prescribed by law or court rule. The superior court may compel obedience to the council's subpoena in the same manner as prescribed for obedience to a subpoena issued by the court.

(d) State agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law, cooperate with the council and provide it with information it requests for carrying out its duties.

Sec. 46.13.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

(1) "commission" means the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission;

(2) "council" means the Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council;

(3) "hazardous substance" has the meaning given in AS 46.-03.826.

* Sec. 26. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION. The Alaska State Emergency Response Commission established under AS 46.13, enacted by sec. 25 of this Act, is a continuation of the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission established by Administrative Order No. 103. The terms of the public members of the commission who are serving terms on the effective date of this Act continue until the date that was scheduled for their expiration before the effective date of this Act.

* Sec. 27. TESTING PROCEDURES. (a) The Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council shall establish the initial testing protocols required under AS 46.13.120(2), enacted by sec. 25 of this Act, by January 1, 1991.

(b) The Department of Environmental Conservation shall adopt the

initial regulations required under AS 46.08.200(a), enacted by sec. 23 of this Act, by July 1, 1991.

* Sec. 28. AS 46.08.040(2), 46.08.040(5), and 46.08.150(3) are repealed.

* Sec. 29. AS 46.08.210, enacted by sec. 23 of this Act, takes effect July 1, 1992.

* Sec. 30. Except as provided in sec. 29 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 1990."

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Department of Fish and Ga
 Title: An act strengthening DEC's BRU: Habitat Division
contingency plan and inspection requirements
 Sponsor: Governor Rules Committee Components: Habitat
 Requestor: House

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	135.9					
TRAVEL	6.0					
CONTRACTUAL	13.6					
SUPPLIES	1.0					
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	156.5					

CAPITAL	0					
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REVENUE	0					
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	156.5					
FEDERAL FUNDS	0					
OTHER	0					
TOTAL	156.5					

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	2					
PART-TIME	1					
TEMPORARY	0					

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary) (Explanation Attached)

FY 90 Impact:	Personal Services	51.9
(3/24-6/30/90	Travel	2.0
	Contractual	4.0
	Supplies	1.0
	Equipment	7.0
	TOTAL	65.9

Prepared by Frank Rue Phone: 465-4105
 Division: Habitat Date: 2/14/90

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 2/14/90
 Agency: ADF&G

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FY91 Line Itemization -

PCN/NEW	RANGE/STEP	CLASSIFICATION	NO. MONTHS (COST)	LOCATION
New	18C	Habitat Biologist III	12 (54.0)	Anchorage
New	18C	Habitat Biologist III	12 (61.1)	Fairbanks
6118	16J	Cartographer III	3 (13.5)	Anchorage
New	8C	Clerk/Typist III	1.5 (3.8)	Anchorage
6131	7A	Clerk/Typist III	1.5 (3.5)	Fairbanks
TOTAL			\$135.9	

EXPLANATION

As a result of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, it has become apparent that existing oil spill contingency plans are inadequate. Consequently, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) is reviewing and updating its regional contingency plans, and the state intends to re-evaluate the adequacy of at least the major nongovernmental contingency plans. This effort has already been initiated and we anticipate that, at a minimum, the state will participate in planning projects for Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, the Beaufort Sea, and possibly other areas such as the Chukchi Sea. The state will also be involved in re-evaluating and potentially expanding the Dispersant Use Guidelines and Wildlife Protection Guidelines, which have incorporated into the USCG Alaska Region spill contingency plan. In order to protect the state's interests in fish and wildlife populations, habitats, and public uses of these resources, ADF&G will require additional staff to dedicate specifically to contingency planning.

The principal resources at risk because of oil and other hazardous substance releases are fish and wildlife, and the ADF&G is the state agency with the expertise and statutory mandate to provide information and recommendations regarding these resources. The department must compile and provide information on the distribution, abundance, and critical life function needs of fish and wildlife populations that may be affected by a spill or other release. Based on this information, the department must recommend mitigation measures that will afford the highest possible level of fish and wildlife protection. Examples of mitigation decisions are

Continuation of Explanation

the identification of areas that are biologically suitable for oil dispersant use, identification of areas of highest priority for containment or defensive booming, identification of criteria for deploying shoreline cleanup equipment and crews, and the selection of shoreline cleanup techniques that will maximize biological benefits and minimize biological costs.

At present, ADF&G has no funding allocated to perform this function. Between February 16 and June 30 of FY90, ADF&G will need: 9 months of HBIII, 2.25 months of CTIII, and 1.0 month of CartIII. ADF&G will also require two computers and funding for other support services as noted above.

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The Gov is opposed do these changes.
Pls help reject them. By
BB Evans

Explanation of Amendment to HB 566

By Phillips

HB 566

This Amendment would have the following effects:

** The Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs, Division of Emergency Services would exercise the authority of DEC and direct the emergency response to an oil or hazardous substance discharge.

** An oil and hazardous substance response office is established in the Division of Emergency Services.

** The Attorney General would immediately seek to recover money expended by the Division of Emergency Services for containment and cleanup.

** Section 25 establishes an Alaska State Emergency Response Commission within the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs. This commission would oversee state and regional plans for hazardous substance response.

** A Hazardous Substance Spill Technology Review Council would also be established. This Council would have the following functions:

1. Review and recommend oil and hazardous substance spill technology.
2. A repository for information
3. Investigative and hearing powers. The ability to issue subpoenas, administer oaths and conduct investigations related to spills.

This Amendment is consistent with recommendations of the Alaska Oil Spill Commission's final report. Specifically:

#43 The state should establish community-based response depots under the management of the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

#44 Local volunteer and part-time spill response units should be established, trained and equiped under the direction of the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

#50 DEC should continue to insure spill response capability. For Smaller spills this responsibility can be supported through private contract. In a major spill the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, with the advice of DEC, may determine that the spill be taken over by the state.

#51 Responsibility for the management and preparedness of emergency local response activity should be vested in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

*** The consistent recommendation made throughout the Report of the Oil Spill Commission is that DEC is equipped to provide quality assurance monitoring and to give advice. Military and Veterans Affairs is equipped to provide emergency response, mobilization of of a workforce and equipment and emergency procurement. Thus, it is appropriate to place the responsibility for emergency oil spill response in the Division of Emergency Services of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

***Also the report Alaska Emergency Response Efforts, December 1989, by Dennis Dooley, who was professional staff to the Oil Spill Commission, clearly makes the point that it is training in emergency response that is important to responding to an oil spill, not oil spill expertise. Thus, again it is appropriate that Military and Veterans Affairs be given this role.

D R A F T

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting three bills implementing recommendations made by the Alaska Oil Spill Commission.

One bill authorizes the governor to use the oil and hazardous substance release response fund, established under AS 46.08.010, to respond to declared disaster emergencies under AS 26.23.020(c). The bill also repeals the exception in AS 46.04.080(a) that requires the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to perform the duties of the Division of Emergency Services during a catastrophic oil discharge. Finally, the bill creates in statute the State Emergency Response Commission, presently established by an administrative order.

Another bill extensively revises AS 46.03.758 - 46.03.763, which deals with civil penalties for oil spills. In general, the bill increases penalties for spills and eliminates unwarranted exemptions and defenses.

The third bill strengthens DEC's authority to require compliance with oil discharge contingency plans. Of particular significance is the requirement that applicants for contingency plans must maintain sufficient resources to contain and remove, within the shortest possible time, a realistic maximum oil discharge. Next, this bill increases the financial responsibility requirements for offshore oil exploration and production activities, to guarantee

that in the event of another spill, significant financial resources will exist to compensate damaged parties, including the state. Finally, this bill authorizes DEC to inspect oil industry facilities and tankers to guarantee compliance with contingency plans and to assure structural integrity of the equipment.

Sectional analyses of each bill, describing the bills in detail, are attached.

As you know, the Oil Spill Commission "Executive Summary," issued last month, includes over 50 recommendations. Through this legislation, as well as other bills already under consideration by the legislature (House Bill 409, Senate Bills 359, 421, and 497), most of those recommendations are being addressed. Furthermore, additional legislative proposals based upon these recommendations are still under consideration, and, after review of the full commission report, just released, additional proposals might be forthcoming.

The Oil Spill Commission, after extensive study, has identified several ways for the state to improve its ability to prevent future spills and to better respond if a serious spill occurs again. These bills are critical to prevent another disaster like the Exxon Valdez spill. I therefore urge your serious discussion, consideration, and passage of these measures.

Sincerely,

Steve Cowper

Governor

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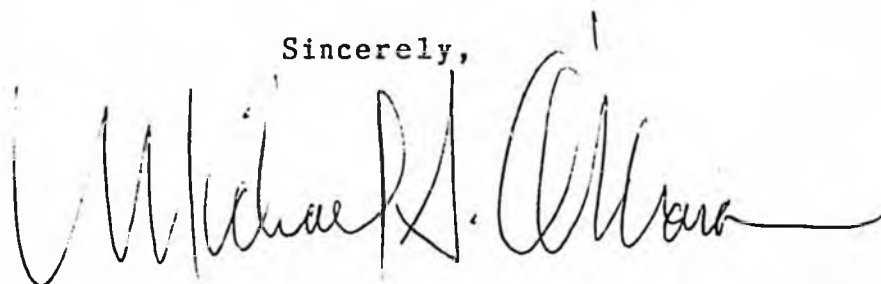
REPRESENTATIVE CURT MENARD
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DEAR REPRESENTATIVE MENARD:

Last year the legislature mandated the development of an Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Repose Office under the Department of Environmental Conservation. In my opinion that was a excellent idea. As you may recall, I suggested that this should be made a Division of the ADEC and should act as the lead agency in all state spill response activity.

Currently there is a move afoot to make the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs the lead agency for spill response. I am opposed to that and would hope that you will not support SB 468 or any other legislation which would seek to remove that responsibility/authority from the ADEC. We need the perspective of people dedicated to protecting the environment for guidance of all state spill response efforts. Establishment of the Response Office as a Division of ADEC would assure that perspective and would provide a vehicle for coordinating the efforts of all agencies.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL S. O'MEARA

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ALASKA HOUSE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HB 565, HB 566 & HB 567

WALTER B. PARKER, CHAIRMAN
ALASKA OIL SPILL COMMISSION

8 MARCH 1990

HB 565

The Commission did not address penalty amounts. The general thrust of the legislation is not directly addressed in any of our recommendations since our emphasis was on system improvement and not on penalties incurred for system violation.

Section 5 (F)

The elimination of all presently utilized means, other than mechanical recovery, could have an inhibiting effect on using best available technology in contingency plans. In particular, we would like to see the use of gelling agents promoted.

Section 6 (B)

Same comment as above.

HB 566

In general, HB 566 reflects several of the major thrusts of recommendations by the Alaska Oil Spill Commission. Mainly, it brings oil spill response into the state's emergency response network and mandates strong cooperation between those state agencies concerned with emergency response to hazardous substances, including crude oil and refined petroleum products. Most important, it concentrates on establishing immediate response at the local level, something addressed by several of the commission's recommendations, most strongly Recommendations 27 and 49.

Section 1, 2 and 4

Recommendations 52 and 53 address the need for an immediately available oil or hazardous substance response fund. Broadening the use of the 470 fund and providing the governor with the flexibility to use those funds in addressing oil spills and other emergencies is directly consistent with the commission's intent in these recommendations.

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Section 3

The problem the commission wrestled with in the relationships between the Department of Environmental Conservation and Division of Emergency Services was ultimately the determination of who would be in charge of a catastrophic spill response and at what level the response authority of DES would be implemented. Our recommendation on the use of the Incident Command System (Recommendation 48) is our major response to this problem. The key element is having an on-scene commander in each emergency response district that has the authority to bring the Incident Command System into operation.

The bill recognized DES expertise in communications, logistics, equipment procurement, manpower and community liaison. This is supported by our Recommendations 50 and 51. DEC expertise in providing measurement and evaluations of environmental conditions is in the bill, but their role in directing initial response and later cleanup is not absolutely clear. The commission believed that use of the ICS would clarify the difference between oversight roles and management in response, beyond the responsibilities outlined in the district contingency plan. In the best of worlds, each district will have a contingency plan that is absolutely clear on what role each party will play. We found that the Incident Command System does the best job of this.

Each district may have different structures that reflect the differences in state agency structure, federal agency structure, local government capabilities and private capabilities. We felt that maximizing the use of existing governmental and private capabilities through the ICS would be the most cost-effective and efficient way to achieve an oil spill response system that can meet the target of responding to a worst-case situation within 72 hours.

The commission did not address the formation of the State Emergency Response Commission. The SERV does carry out the intentions of Recommendations 27 and 49 on local involvement and Recommendations 45 and 50 on allocation of state response authority. Most importantly, it provides the structure for developing effective regional response plans. These plans are the most critical element of the entire response structure because it is in the region that the ability to respond quickly and effectively must be lodged.

HB 567

Section 1

Our Recommendation 55 should be considered. We feel that contingency plans should be based on the ability to respond to a "worst-case spill" within 72 hours. The language in the bill of a "realistic maximum" oil discharge and to remove that discharge

70,000 Ton Skimmer	10,000,000
Additional Recovery	<u>5,000,000</u>
TOTAL	\$30,000,000

Operating costs as above should cover 72 hour initial period but do not cover beach cleanup costs.

Assuming a 10-year depreciation on one time costs, the annual costs for "worst case" mechanical recovery in Prince William Sound are \$58,500,000 or the industry profits on 5 days throughput at the Valdez terminal.

*\$6 X 9,750,000 barrels

*From Deakins Report

Now the question is, what is the cost of "worst case recovery" in bad weather. The present options are burning or dispersants. Future options may include gelling agents as described in our report. The costs of bad weather treatment are:

Burning, the loss of the ship and cargo	
250,000 T Tanker, new	\$192,000,000
cargo 1.8 million barrels @ \$20	<u>36,000,000</u>
Total	\$218,000,000

70,000 T Tanker, new	\$ 93,000,000
cargo, 500,000 barrels @ \$20	<u>10,000,000</u>
Total	\$103,000,000

The costs of the flights and igniting agents plus recovery of crew	\$ 250,000
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Dispersants: Following the British method of aerial application and the most favorable 1 to 20 crude to dispersant ratio, we require for the worst case 1,800,000 barrels, some 90,000 barrels of dispersant or 3,780,000 gallons @ \$3/gal \$ 11,340,000

Costs of 700 C130 flights of 5 hour duration or 3,500 flight hours @ \$3500 per hour*	\$ <u>12,250,000</u>
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Worst Case by dispersant	\$ 23,590,000
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Gelling agents: This method is untried, untested, and wholly hypothetical. The ratio of 40 to 1, agent to oil, is the best known and the costs are in the ballpark of what is being paid by the US Navy for gelling agents.

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Gelling agents 45,000 barrels, 6,250 tons or 1,890,000 gal @ \$12/gal	\$ 22,680,000
Costs of 350 C130 flights of 5 hours duration @ \$3500 per hour*	<u>6,125,000</u>
Total	\$ 28,805,000

* Assumes dispersants or gelling agents are located at Anchorage or Kenai.

Thus, it is true that the costs of a worst case response are large, whatever method is used. The alternative of avoiding it is equally costly in the long run. The size of the worst case scenario for each region will be governed by how much risks the industry places on the region. Exxon Valdez has shown us that the area at risk can be very large if response is not immediate enough to keep the oil from migrating to near and distance beaches.

The requirement that contingency plans be properly implemented is a longstanding loophole that needs to be closed. If private plans are not implemented the government will have to take up the slack or we will have regional response plans whose effectiveness is as suspect as those that failed last March 24.

Section 2

The commission did not address in its report any amounts for financial responsibility. We did make the point in Recommendation 21 that the state should require the shipping industry to insure the state and its citizens against risk and this section carries out that idea in part.

Section 4

Providing DEC with the authority to inspect tankers, terminals, exploration and production facilities is, in many ways, the most important regulatory prevention measure that must be undertaken if the system is to truly improve. We address this in Recommendation 14, with other aspects addressed in Recommendations 11 and 13.

Our report details the sorry history of how the Coast Guard backed off after 1979 when the Alyeska owners' law suit and later legislative action eliminated the state presence on tankers. The Coast Guard budget on marine safety, wherein ship inspections lie, was cut 28% between 1982 and 1989. Allowing for inflation this was a real cut of 40%. The fleet, meanwhile, aged another 7 years, with only two new additions Exxon Valdez and Exxon Long Beach, being added in this period. Thus, inspections dropped as the ships got older. The Coast Guard testified at length about its concerns with increasing hull fatigue before House Resources on January 24. Despite this concern of the Coast Guard, I view the chances of

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will note that it is after 72 hours that the greatest impact on the beaches occurs. Once the oil is on the beach, the Commission considers the battle lost. Therefore, our strong recommendations are on the immediacy of the response efforts.

As our report shows, Exxon Valdez is only 34th on the list of 65 great oil spills. Thus, the possibility of spills where the entire tanker load is lost, 1,800,000 barrels for Prince William Sound or 500,000 barrels for Cook Inlet, is still a very real worst case situation.

There are presently 94 tankers licensed for operation into Alaskan ports. Only 10 are covered by Alyeska's present plan for a "worst case" loss; 43 are covered by combining the Alyeska and ARCO plans, adding the large skimmer as described covers 70 tankers leaving only 24 uncovered.

What are the costs of achieving this level of protection, remembering we are only achieving worst case protection by mechanical containment and recovery in good weather conditions? The costs included here are estimated by me based on our contractors estimates for similar equipment.

One Time Costs

Alyeska Costs (already committed but no cost breakdown yet provided, so this is my estimate based on our contractor's estimates)	\$60,000,000
ARCO Costs (less 4 ERV and 4 other vessels in Alyeska Costs, note that this system serves entire West Coast	\$ 32,000,000
70,000 Ton Skimmer Costs (\$93 million for new ship by Commission estimate plus \$20 million for skimmer conversion by ARCO estimates	<u>\$ 113,000,000</u>
1.132.000 barrels in 72 hours recovery	\$ 205,000,000
Full Worst Case, another 310,000 barrels	80,000,000
Full Worst Case Recovery System in good weather	<u>\$ 285,000,000</u>

Annual Costs

Alyeska	\$10,000,000
ARCO	5,000,000

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"within the shortest possible time" does not provide a firm mandate for private contingency plans. It does not do enough to mitigate the risk oil shipment imposes on residents of adjacent coasts. It is not in line without overall policy Recommendations 1, 2 and 3.

A "worst case" would be 1.8 million barrels for Prince William Sound and 500,00 barrels for Cook Inlet. The oil industry claims this cannot be recovered. It can, however, be done by a regional response plan which brings in the capabilities of all concerned--industry, state, and federal.

The following have been offered by industry:

Alyeska Contingency Plan submitted the recovery of 10K barrels per hour name plate capacity. Allowing for 35% best case recovery in 72 hours	252,000
ARCO, per recent testimony, with a 24-hour lag to allow for mobilization from West Coast	250,000
Other 5 Alyeska owners	<u>(unknown)</u>
	Barrels 502,000

The above figures are for containment and best case recovery situations, ie. less than six foot sea state and no more than 1 knot currents.

ARCO's proposed 70,000 ton skimmer could be built to recover 25,000 barrels per hour based on it having half the capacity to pump oil out of the water that is common at the Valdez terminal for pumping oil into tankers. This would have a capacity of 600,000 barrels per day and allowing for a 35% best case recovery rate, it would recover 630,000 barrels in 72 hours. Our total best 72-hour case recovery is now 1,132,000. Thus the remaining question is how to make up the 670,000 barrel difference. Allowing for 20% evaporation of the light ends during this period, or 360,000 barrels, we can see that we are approaching our goal and have 310,000 barrels remaining for which capability must be demonstrated. Here is where the API/PIRO response may come in, also federal response from the Navy, the Corp of Engineers, the Coast Guard, and if necessary further Alyeska response. In any case, by a combination of new technology already being proposed by ARCO and by accumulation of other sources into a regional response plan, we have come close to a creditable "worst case response" capability.

The next question is why must this response be mounted in 72 hours. If you examine the oil spill simulations in our report, you

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major budget increases in marine safety as small unless the initiatives come Congress.

RECOMMENDATIONS NOT CONTAINED IN HB 565, HB 566 OR HB 567

Recommendation 9: Tank farm capacity at Valdez.

Recommendation 12: A citizens advisory council to oversee the safe transportation of oil, gas and other hazardous substances.

Recommendation 16: State licensing of private personnel involved in oil transportation.

Recommendation 25: Harbor Administration

Recommendation 47: A system for emergency economic maintenance.

Recommendation 57: In-state research institute.



Oil Reform Alliance



SB503 TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE FINANCE

April 3, 1990

My name is Riki Ott. I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova. My training is in marine pollution: I have a masters in oil pollution and a doctorate in sediment pollution. I am testifying today as President of the Oil Reform Alliance.

For the purposes of testifying on SB503, it is important to understand who the Oil Reform Alliance is. After the Exxon Valdez spill, citizens from spill-impacted communities throughout southcentral Alaska met in Cordova to discuss how we could share information and work to restore our communities and environment. We were fishermen, friends, neighbors, recreational users, environmentalists, tourism and business people. We became the Oil Reform Alliance.

Since June of last year, we have steadily grown in membership and shifted our focus to work on strengthening legislation such as SB503.

The Oil Reform Alliance is totally opposed to the committee substitute version of SB503 - which is to say that the CITIZENS from the spill-impacted communities are opposed to the Senate Oil & Gas committee substitute.

We support the original draft of this bill. We support maintaining DEC as the lead state agency in response to catastrophic oil spills and expanding the division of emergency services' role as logistics and backup to DEC as originally set forth in SB503.

We have a good reason for supporting this. Many of us were on the frontlines fighting this spill all last summer. We worked with DEC, with DES, with industry. We witnessed the early chaos. There is no need to repeat these same mistakes again as we strongly believe would occur under this committee substitute.

Let me explain why. DEC currently reviews and approves contingency plans, requests and reviews drills, and has trained staff in place to respond to the hundreds of small, medium, and large spills that occur each year. It makes

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absolutely no sense to then switch the lead response agency during catastrophic spills, the next size up from large spills, to a totally different agency.

It also makes no sense, as many of us witnessed during the Exxon Valdez spill, to burden DEC with logistical functions normally carried out by the division of emergency services. Just as DEC must carry out its duties during any and all spills of oil and hazardous substances, so must DES be empowered to carry out its duties as backup during these same spills.

This is how we interpret the Oil Spill Commission's recommendations that Sen. Halford just read. Also during personal communications with Walt Parker yesterday, Mr. Parker expressed disappointment with the committee substitute for SB503. Mr. Parker told me that the Oil & Gas Subcommittee totally misinterpreted the Commission's recommendations and he is currently writing a memo to this effect.

Let me draw another parallel with the Dept. of Natural Resources. During a forest fire, the State Forester is in charge with DES providing backup and logistics. During a catastrophic spill, the Commissioner of DEC should be in charge with DES providing backup and logistics - as originally proposed by the Administration and recommended by the Oil Spill Commission.

I spent 12 years of higher education conducting experiments with oil and other hazardous substances. I grew sick of working with toxins, mutagens, carcinogens, and genotoxins. I shudder to think what would happen to the public and the environment if an agency with no basic understanding of these deadly compounds is put in charge of spill response.

The expertise to fight a huge forest fire lies within DNR just as the expertise to minimize impact to the public and the environment from a catastrophic spill lies within DEC. There is more to both fighting a huge forest fire and a catastrophic spill than providing emergency housing, transportation and communication services.

The Senate Oil & Gas Subcommittee made several other rather drastic revisions to SB503, none of which are supported by the Oil Reform Alliance. It makes absolutely no sense to switch the Oil & Hazardous Response Office to DES when this is DEC's JOB to respond to and minimize impact from these types of spills. It makes no sense to put the 470 Response Fund under DES as this fund provides the money for DEC to carry out its JOB during a spill emergency.

It makes no sense to have DES as chairman of the Statewide Emergency Response Commission as this should be a function of the lead agency which we believe should remain DEC.

It makes no sense to have the Hazardous Substances Spill Technology Review Council within DES as this type of scientific expertise is a valuable resource to DEC during the prevention, planning, and response stages to all spills. It is pretty clear to me, speaking as a scientist, that as structured in the committee substitute, the Council will be of limited use even to DEC.

For example, on page 10, lines 7-8, the approval process for new protocol is limited to six months after application. This is an unrealistic requirement because many of the test organisms, such as pink salmon fry and other young life stages which are necessary to test new protocol, are only available at certain times of the year.

This is exactly what happened during the Exxon Valdez spill. Many compounds could not be approved for widescale use as the test organisms were not available in late May and early June when the scientists finally initiated laboratory tests of different compounds. Approval process for testing protocol needs to be at least one year.

In summary, the Oil Reform Alliance strongly supports the original version of SB503 and the attached fiscal note. The experience of many of our members this past summer has shown that involvement of local communities in response is of critical importance to the success of the total operation. We are strongly in favor of establishing and funding the local emergency planning committees as provided for in the attached fiscal note.

Bills such as SB503 are supposed to be designed to better prepare us for the next catastrophic spill. The people who were most intimately involved with the last catastrophic spill support the original version of SB503. A vote for the committee substitute is a vote against everything we learned last summer.

It is time for you to listen to us.

The Oil Reform Alliance strongly feels that public input during Senate hearings on this bill have been purposely minimized. We are extremely disappointed that this bill was not heard in Sen. Resources. We are extremely disappointed that it was not teleconferenced today.

I understand that testimony from two concerned members of the public who were ready to teleconference today has been entered into the record and I respectfully request that the testimony of two others, Annie McKenzie and Tim Robertson, are also read into the record.



SARA TITLE III IN ALASKA AN OVERVIEW

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT?

This General Guidance Document is written to educate Alaskan residents about implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986, SARA Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) in Alaska. Roles and responsibilities of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) and their relationship to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) will be discussed. Other involved groups and agencies in SARA Title III will be mentioned as well.

WHAT THIS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT PROVIDES

This document will provide readers with general information for compliance with SARA Title III. It does not serve as a substitute for actual SARA Title III regulations. It is a guidance document only and intended to provide a brief overview of selected aspects of SARA Title III from a policy point of view.

WHY DOES SARA TITLE III EXIST?

SARA Title III was created in response to the well publicized hazardous materials incident in Bhopal, India that resulted in the death of 2,500 people and caused injury to 200,000 other people. This is an extreme case, but the U.S. does have the potential for such a disaster.

The United States Congress created this law to establish a nationwide framework to protect U.S. citizens from incidents involving hazardous materials. SARA Title III establishes a process by which states, local governments and communities can develop and maintain continued preparedness capacity to mitigate the affects of a hazardous materials incident.

WHAT DOES SARA TITLE III EMPHASIZE?

SARA Title III emphasizes the need for states and local communities to develop emergency plans to respond to hazardous materials incidents and mitigate its effects. Moreover, SARA Title III underscores the concept that all community, state, and local government interests must work together to ensure development of meaningful emergency plans and cooperative response efforts. Briefly, SARA Title III incorporates 4 principal points throughout the Act.

1. Communities and residents have the legal right to information about the types and quantities of hazardous materials used, stored, transported and/or released suddenly in the community.
2. Communities should have plans and procedures designed to prevent and respond to hazardous materials incidents.
3. Successful hazardous materials planning requires a commitment and active involvement from all members of the community, business, industry and the state, local, and federal governments.
4. Local community support and involvement in SARA Title III is vital to successful implementation of the program. In almost every instance the initial response to a hazardous materials incident will be at the local level.

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS IN SARA TITLE III?

SARA Title III has 4 major sections:

1. Emergency Planning (Sections 301-303)
2. Emergency Notification (Section 304)
3. Community Right To Know Reporting (Sections 311-312)
4. Toxic Chemical Release (emissions) Reporting (Section 313)

WHO ARE THE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS IN SARA TITLE III IMPLEMENTATION IN ALASKA?

1. Businesses and other facilities that store, handle, manufacture, use, transport, or process chemicals covered by the law.
2. The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
3. Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)
4. Local Fire Departments
5. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
6. The Regional Response Team (RRT)
7. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
8. The Alaska Division of Emergency Services (ADES) *

WHAT ARE THEIR MAJOR ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES?

1. Business/Industry
 - a. Notify the SERC and LEPC that they are included in SARA Title III requirements. (Section 302)
 - b. Each facility must designate a facility emergency coordinator to work with the Local Emergency Response Committee in all aspects of emergency planning and response. (Section 302)
 - c. Immediately notify the SERC, LEPC, and the NRC (National Response Center 1-800-424-8802) of a chemical release as defined by the law. (Section 304)
 - d. Submit Material Safety Data sheets (MSDS) or Hazardous Chemical Inventory Forms to the ADEC (SERC CHAIR), LEPC, and the local Fire Department. (Section 311 & 312)
 - e. Submit Toxic Chemical Release Report Forms to the EPA and the SERC for regulated substances. (Section 313)
 - f. In a timely manner, provide to the LEPC, facility information necessary for developing and implementing a local emergency plan. (Section 303)
2. The State Emergency Response Commission (established by Governor Cowper in Administrative Order 103 dated October 21, 1987)
 - a. Work closely with all LEPC's and EPA. (Section 301)
 - b. Designate Emergency Planning Districts (Section 301)
 - c. Approve appointments of LEPC members. (Section 301)
 - d. Supply Planning Guide and Model Plan
 - e. Review and comment on LEPC emergency plans (Section 303)

- f. Provide guidance and coordination for all aspects of SARA Title III implementation including procedures for processing public requests for information reported under SARA Title III. (Section 301)
- g. Facilitate the education of the general public about hazardous materials issues. Establish procedures for receiving and processing information reported under SARA Title III including: emergency response plans, material safety data sheets, chemical inventory forms, toxic release forms and designation of a coordinator for the information under Section 324. (Section 301)
- h. In trade secret situations, the SERC must identify the Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) and the adverse health effects associated with the substance in question, and provide that information to anyone upon request. (Section 322)

3. Local Emergency Planning Committees

- a. Work closely with the State Emergency Response Commission. (Section 301)
 - 1. ADES will assist, and the LEPC will enforce and conduct exercises to test the HAZMAT element of the emergency plan.
 - 2. May be able to help stem some costs incurred in the planning effort through participation in the Emergency Management Assistance Program sponsored by ADES.
- b. Determine the risk/vulnerability of a hazardous materials incident in the community and evaluate the community's ability to respond to and prevent an incident. (Section 303)
- c. Develop a local hazardous materials response plan to be reviewed by the SERC. (Section 303)
- d. Develop methods to educate the public about: 1) community hazardous materials management activities; 2) procedures to make data reported to the LEPC's (by businesses) available to the public and emergency response crews. (Section 324)
- e. Include, at a minimum, a representative from each of the following groups on the LEPC (Section 301):

- Elected official	- Broadcast and Print Media
- Law enforcement	- Community Groups
- Community Health	- Facility Owners and Operators
- Fire Department	
- Environmental Concerns	
- Hospital	
- Transportation	
- f. Annually publish in local newspapers that the emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, and inventory forms have been submitted under Section 324 and are available for public review at a designated location. (Section 324)

g. Designate a committee member to serve as coordinator of information submitted under Section 324. (Section 301)

4. Local Fire Departments

a. Receive MSDS information from regulated facilities; organize this information to be used in the event that an incident occurs. (Sections 311 and 312)

b. Participate on the LEPC. (Section 301)

c. Participate in the identification of the risk/vulnerability of a hazardous materials incident in the community. (Section 303)

d. Participate in the development of the LEPC's hazardous materials plan. (Section 303)

e. Develop a hazardous materials prevention/mitigation contingency strategy. (Section 305)

5. United States Environmental Protection Agency

a. Provide guidance to SERC's and LEPC's in all aspects of SARA Title III implementation. (Section 303)

b. Provide support to the RRT and ADES during emergency response operations.

6. Regional Response Team

a. To coordinate emergency response actions, if necessary.

b. To review hazardous materials emergency response plans if requested by the LEPC and/or SERC.

7. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

a. To serve as chair of the SERC.

b. To coordinate and develop State emergency response capability in Alaska.

c. To develop information data base of information collected under SARA Title III for the purposes of statewide emergency planning and community right to know.

d. To work with ADES in the SARA Title III planning process.

e. To assist in the development of community-based mitigation strategy. (Section 305)

8. Alaska Division of Emergency Services

a. To serve as vice-chair of the SERC.

b. To assist with community emergency planning and exercising activities.

- c. To develop and coordinate SARA Title III training activities.
- d. Participate in developing information data base for community right to know and statewide emergency planning.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF SARA TITLE III IMPLEMENTATION IN ALASKA?

The State of Alaska is in the early stages of implementing SARA Title III. A synopsis of current SARA Title III activities in Alaska is provided below:

- 1. December 11, 1987, Governor Cowper announced the appointment of the 13 member State Emergency Response Commission.
- 2. Interim Local Emergency Planning Districts designated. LEPD's correspond to the 5 existing emergency management regions in the state.
- 3. First organizational meeting of the SERC held on March 18, 1988. Second SERC meeting was conducted on June 3, 1988.
- 4. Department of Environmental Conservation has prepared and distributed letters to Municipalities, Boroughs, and Second Class cities requesting that they become Local Emergency Planning Districts within the 5 larger districts previously established.
- 5. SERC meetings to be held on a quarterly basis, and public participation is welcomed.

HOW WILL ALASKA IMPLEMENT SARA TITLE III?

The following is a suggested structure for implementation of SARA Title III in Alaska:

- 1. The SERC, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Division of Emergency Services, will develop specific guidance packets for LEPC's to use when developing emergency plans in their districts, and complying with other SARA Title III requirements. The SERC will also develop guidance documents for other entities involved in SARA Title III. Suggested topics for guidance documents for LEPC's include:
 - a. SARA Title III in Alaska - an overview
 - b. Emergency Response Planning in Your Community
 - c. Emergency Prevention Planning in Your Community
 - d. Community Right to Know: How it Works
 - e. Responses to Accidents: Federal, State, and Local Responsibilities
 - f. Business Involvement in SARA Title III
 - g. Resources for Assistance
 - h. Working with the Media
 - i. Community Involvement in SARA Title III
 - j. Funding for SARA Title III Activities
 - k. Making a Local Emergency Planning Committee Work
- 2. Home Rule Municipalities and Organized Boroughs are expected to be designated as Local Emergency Planning Districts (LEPD) and to form their own Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

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3. Additional LEPC's will be formed within each of the 5 currently designated LEPD's (one LEPC per LEPD). These additional LEPC's will be comprised of representatives from communities which have not chosen to become their own LEPC.
4. All LEPC's within the same LEPD shall coordinate with each other and the SERC in order to develop a unified hazardous materials emergency management plan.
5. There is no strict approach to the process involved in developing emergency management plans. Each LEPC should decide on the best approach for its area. The SERC will prepare guidance documents to assist LEPC's with the tasks of organizing LEPD's to develop emergency planning and response capabilities. ADES also provides guidance and standards for specific component elements in an emergency management plan.
6. Any community that wishes to become its own LEPD may petition the SERC for this designation. The SERC will review and decide on all requests presented.
7. Any community (Municipality, Borough, or other city) may petition the SERC requesting that they not become a designated LEPD. The SERC will review and decide on these requests. Any community that is not an independent LEPD shall become a part of one of the 5 existing LEPD's.
8. At a minimum there will be 5 LEPD's and 5 corresponding LEPC's in Alaska. Each LEPC should include representation from communities within that particular LEPD.
9. All communities will be affected by the implementation of SARA Title III in Alaska and will be included in one of the designated Local Emergency Planning Districts.

WHO CAN HELP ME UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT SARA TITLE III?

Following is a listing of resources in Alaska that can provide information relating to SARA Title III:

1. Department of Environmental Conservation, Commissioner's Office 465-2600, for SARA Title III data information and community/public right-to-know
2. Alaska Division of Emergency Services, 249-1370, for planning and training information.
3. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 271-5087, for general information on SARA Title III and technical information.
4. Alaska Health Project, 276-2864, for general information and if you have public concerns that you want expressed to the SERC.
5. RCRA/Superfund Hotline, 800-424-9346, for general public information; SARA Title III, 800-535-0202, for emergency planning and community right-to-know.

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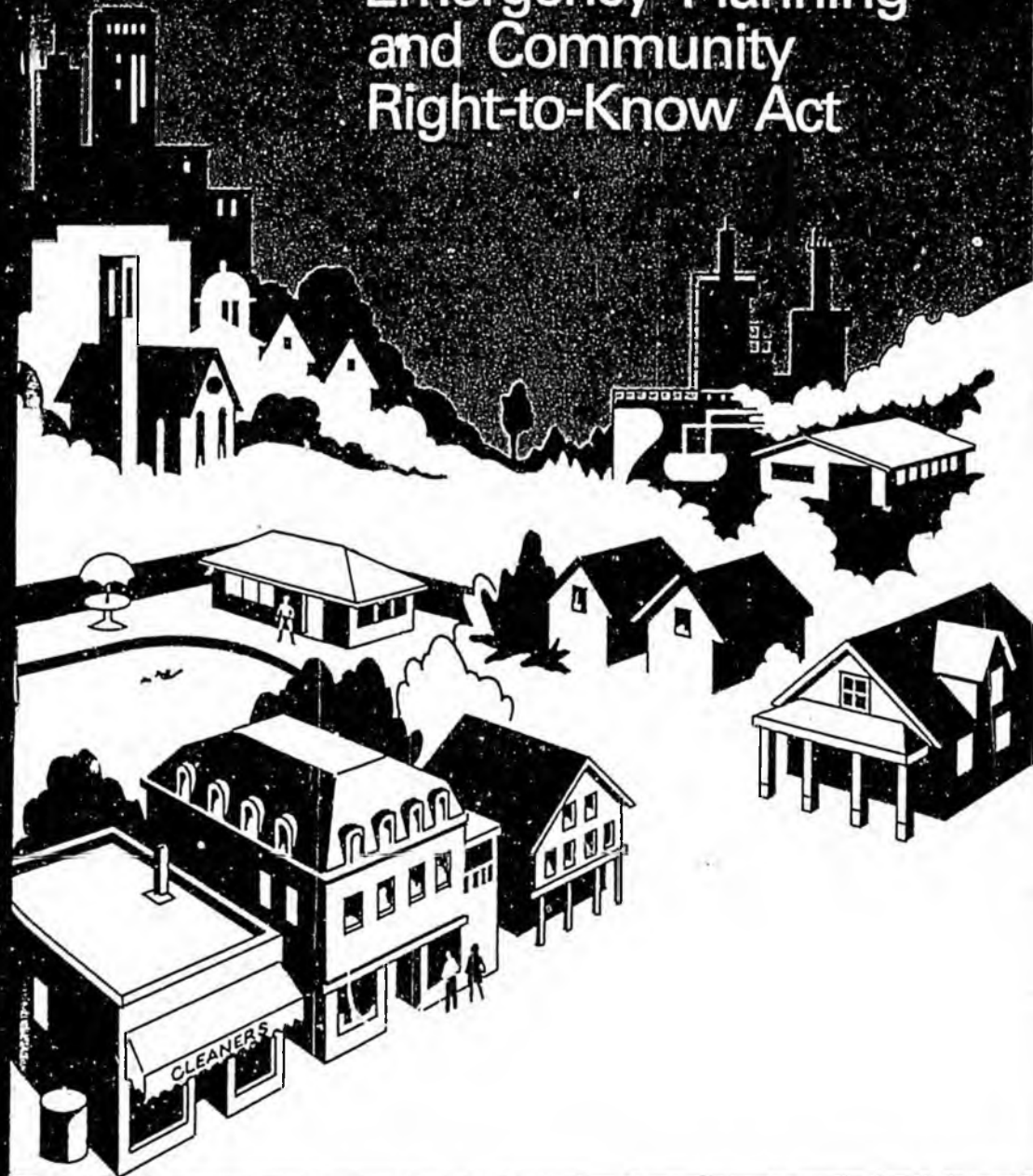
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**THE BYLAWS
OF THE
ALASKA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

Approved: January 12, 1990

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

ARTICLE II

MISSION

The mission of the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission is to protect public health, safety and the environment by ensuring effective and efficient use of resources to plan for and respond to incidents involving hazardous and other toxic substances. In carrying out this commitment, the Commission shall foster coordination at the local, state and federal levels, and shall provide information to citizens and other interested persons.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES

The duties and activities of the Commission are those set forth by Administrative Order Number 103 issued by the Governor October 21, 1987, which established the Commission to implement the requirements of the "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986," enacted by the U.S. Congress, and hereinafter referred to as the "Act." The Commission is designated as the state emergency response commission, as defined in the Act, and shall perform all of the duties required of it under the Act to the extent consistent with the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statutes, including the following:

- (1) Recommend any necessary changes to the initial boundaries of emergency planning districts described in Administrative Order Number 103 and use existing boundaries of political subdivision if appropriate, in order to facilitate preparation and implementation of emergency plans as required under Section 301(b) of the Act.
- (2) Appoint local emergency planning committees described under section 301(c) of the Act and supervise and coordinate the activities of such committees.
- (3) Establish procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public under Section 324 of the Act.
- (4) After public notice and opportunity for comment, designate additional facilities that may be subject to the Act under Section 302.

- (5) Notify the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency of facilities subject to the requirements of Section 302 of the Act.
- (6) Review the emergency plans submitted by local emergency planning committees and make recommendations to the committees on revisions of the plans that may be necessary to ensure coordination of such plans with emergency response plans of other emergency planning districts.
- (7) Perform other coordinating, advisory or planning tasks at the Governor's request, relating to chemical emergency planning and preparedness, community right-to-know reporting, toxic chemical release reporting or management of hazardous substances.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. *Members.* To the extent practicable, the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission shall be comprised of individuals with expertise in the emergency response field. The Commission shall consist of the following members:

- (1) Seven members appointed by the Governor representing local governments, fire chiefs, rural areas, generators of hazardous waste and public interest organizations.
- (2) The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) The Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services or the commissioner's designee;
- (5) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
- (6) The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities or the commissioner's designee; and
- (7) The Commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, or the commissioner's designee.

Section 2. *Inactive Members.* Appointed members shall be considered inactive when they have missed more than two consecutive Commission meetings without notification to the Commission chair or staff of significant reasons why they were unable to attend the meetings.

Section 3. *Removal of Members.* Members of the Commission serve at the pleasure of the Governor and may be removed by the Governor without cause.

Section 4. *Vacancies.* Vacancies in membership of the Commission shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 5. *Term.* Members of the Commission other than those from designated state departments shall serve at the Governor's request for staggered terms for three years.

Section 6. *Travel and Per Diem.* Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but are eligible

to receive travel and per diem as authorized by Alaska Statute 32.20.180 for members of boards and commissions.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. *Named.* The officers of the Commission shall consist of a chair and vice-chair.

Section 2. *Term.* The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation or the commissioner's designee shall serve as chair of the Commission. The Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs or the commissioner's designee shall serve as vice-chair of the Commission.

Section 3. *Duties of the Chair.* The chair shall recommend an agenda for each meeting, preside at all meetings of the Commission, preserve order during its meetings, appoint all committees, serve as an ex-officio member of such committees, sign all minutes and other such records, vouchers or other documents connected with the work of the Commission requiring such signature, and be responsible for implementing the policies and actions adopted by the Commission.

Section 4. *Duties of the Vice-Chair.* In the absence of the chair or in the event of the chair's inability or refusal to act, the vice-chair, unless otherwise determined by the Commission, shall perform the duties of the chair, and when so acting shall have all the powers of the chair. The vice-chair shall exercise such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the chair or the Commission.

ARTICLE VI

AGENCY DUTIES

Section 1. *Department of Environmental Conservation.* The community right-to-know, emergency planning notification and emergency release notification portions of the Act shall be the responsibility of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Section 2. *Division of Emergency Services.* The emergency planning and training portions of the Act shall be the responsibility of the Division of Emergency Services of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Section 3. *Agency Cooperation and Coordination.* The Department of Environmental Conservation and the Division of Emergency Services shall cooperate and coordinate to assist the Commission accomplish the purpose of the Act and the other duties specified in Administrative Order Number 103. The Commission may request data, reports or other information from any state agency. To the extent feasible, every agency shall cooperate and coordinate with the Commission to furnish it with the information and assistance necessary to accomplish the purpose of the Act and the other duties specified in Administrative Order Number 103.

Section 4. *Staff Support.* Staff for the Commission shall be provided by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the Division of Emergency Services of the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

Section 1. *Regular Meetings.* The Commission shall meet quarterly for regular meetings. Meeting dates shall be established as follows:

- (1) Fourth week of September.
- (2) Second week of December.
- (3) Fourth week of March.
- (4) Second week of June.

Meetings shall be held on the Friday of the scheduled week in a location determined by the Committee unless otherwise noticed.

Section 2. *Special Meetings.* The chair may call such special meetings as may be deemed necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission. Upon the written request of at least four members, the chair shall call a meeting within ten days.

Section 3. *Public Comment Meetings.* The Commission shall hold such public comment meetings as it may deem necessary and desirable at such times and places as may be determined by a majority vote of the Commission in regular meeting.

Section 4. *Quorum.* A quorum shall consist of a majority of Commission members. A quorum shall be required to transact business.

Section 5. *Agenda.* Any member may request the chair to place an item on the agenda. If the chair should decline to do so, a member may have such item placed on the agenda by submitting it in writing to the chair with supporting signatures of three members.

Section 6. *Notice of Meetings.* Notice of the time, place and agenda items to be considered at each meeting shall be given in writing to all members at least two weeks prior to each meeting by the staff. Any matters not appearing on the agenda may be considered upon a favorable vote of a majority of the members present to do so. Notice of special meetings and intended agenda items shall be given to all Commission members in writing or by phone at least seven days in advance of any special meeting. Notice to the public of all Commission meetings shall be made in accordance with Alaska Statute 44.62.

Section 7. *Rules of Order.* The deliberation of all meetings of the Commission and its various committees shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, when not inconsistent with these bylaws, or with special rules of order adopted by the Commission.

Section 8. *Minutes of Meetings.* Accurate minutes of all Commission meetings shall be maintained by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Accurate minutes shall include, but not be limited to, a record of all Commission actions, a record of attendance at meetings and a summary of Commission discussion. The minutes of each meeting shall be mailed to each Commission member subsequent to each meeting.

Section 9. *Participation of Members of the Public.* Members of the public shall be encouraged to attend all regular, special and public comment meetings. An opportunity shall be provided at each meeting for members of the public to address the Commission. Members of the public include, but are not limited to: Citizens, industry representatives, experts, expert witnesses and governmental entity representatives.

ARTICLE VIII

VOTING

Section 1. *One Vote Each.* Each Commission member, including the chair, shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2. *Proxy Votes.* No member shall vote by proxy.

Section 3. *Abstentions.* Members may register their abstention on any vote which shall be reflected in the minutes, and members are encouraged to abstain on matters which would pose for them a conflict of interest as described in Alaska Statute 39.52.

Section 4. *Determination of Actions.* Consensus action shall be the favored procedure for approving actions, Commission positions or policy recommendations. When consensus cannot be reached, actions shall require the favorable vote of a majority of those Commission members present at a duly called meeting.

Section 5. *Roll Call Votes.* At the discretion of the chair, any Commission action may be taken by a roll call vote, and the vote of each member shall be reflected in the minutes, or upon call of any member.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

Section 1. *Establishment.* The Commission may establish committees as it deems necessary to accomplish its duties. The chair shall appoint committees with powers, membership and purposes as specified by the chair or the Commission.

Section 2. *Membership.* The chair may appoint persons other than Commission members to serve on committees. The majority of committee members shall be Commission members.

Section 3. *Travel & J Per Diem.* Members of committees shall serve without compensation but are eligible to receive per diem and travel expenses authorized by Alaska Statute 32.20.180 for boards and commissions.

Section 4. *Staff Support.* Commission staff shall provide technical support and serve committees in an advisory capacity.

Section 5. *Motions, Resolutions and Reports.* Committee motions, resolutions and reports shall be presented in writing to the Commission. Reports shall document the participation of committee members.

Section 6. *Working Groups.* The chair may appoint working groups to study special topics. At least one Commission member shall be on each working group.

ARTICLE X

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 1. *Resolutions.* All resolutions submitted for consideration by the Commission shall first be referred to an appropriate committee for review, consideration and its recommendation.

Section 2. *Work Plan.* The Commission shall develop an annual plan describing its intended activities. The final work plan shall include a review and comment process by all local emergency planning committees to

ensure coordination and implementation of the Act.

Section 3. *Annual Report.* The Commission shall prepare an annual report describing its activities for the preceding year. Upon approval by the Commission, the report shall be transmitted by the chair to the Governor and then made available to other state and local agencies, including the local emergency planning committees. The report shall be made available to the general public upon request.

Section 4. *Legislative Recommendations.* The Commission may make recommendations under its name to the Governor for new or revised legislation which bears upon the duties and responsibilities of the Commission. Such recommendations shall not be considered as final until approved by a majority of the members following a reasonable period of review. Upon request of the governor, the Commission shall, in its name, formulate and make recommendation for new or revised legislation.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or replaced upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Commission at any regular meeting of the commission provided that any proposed changes have been circulated to all members two weeks prior to any action thereon.

SARA Title III Factsheet

Meaning

- ◆ SARA stands for the *Superfund Amendments & Reauthorization Act of 1986*.
- ◆ The *Superfund* was established by the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980* or *CERCLA*. It provides for the investigation and cleanup of sites contaminated with hazardous substances at the worst hazardous waste sites in the U.S. and for emergency response for acute releases of hazardous substances.
- ◆ *Title III* refers to the third part of SARA, also known as the *Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act*.
- ◆ *Emergency Planning* refers to the emergency operations plan that local communities are required to develop and maintain.
- ◆ *Community Right-to-Know* (CRTK) refers to disclosure of chemical information about chemicals stored and used in communities to local agencies and/or the public.

Purpose

- ◆ An outcome of the December 1984 methyl isocyanate gas leak at an Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India that killed more than 2,500 people and injured more than 200,000.
- ◆ To protect public health and safety by providing a nationwide framework for emergency chemical response.
- ◆ *Community right-to-know* reports prepare a community to respond to chemical emergencies through *emergency planning* provisions.

Parts

- ◆ *Subtitle A - Emergency Planning and Notification*
- ◆ *Subtitle B - Reporting Requirements*
 - Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) - Section 311
 - Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory forms - Section 312
 - Toxic Chemical Inventory Release (TRI) forms - Section 313
- ◆ *Subtitle C - General Provisions*

Key Players

- ◆ *National Level*
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
 - Regional Response Team (RRT)
 - Co-Chairs: EPA, Coast Guard
- ◆ *State Level*
 - State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) - 13 governor-appointed members
 - Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
 - SERC Chair: Commissioner Dennis Kelso
 - Responsible for *Community Right-to-Know*
 - Receives *emergency planning* and *emergency release notifications*
 - Staff: Linda Van Houten, SARA Title III Coordinator
 - Alaska Division of Emergency Services (ADES)
 - SERC Vice-Chair: Director Erv Martin
 - Responsible for *Emergency Planning*
 - Develops and coordinates *emergency planning* and *training*
 - Staff: David McDowell, Hazardous Materials Coordinator
 - Other State Departments (Health & Social Services, Transportation & Public Facilities, Public Safety, Community & Regional Affairs)
 - Seven Public Members (Local Government, Public Interest, Fire Chief, Rural Area, Hazardous Waste Generator)

- ◆ *Local Level*
 - Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs)
 - Local fire departments
 - Businesses/Facilities that store, handle, manufacture, use, transport or process chemicals covered by SARA Title III

SERC Role

- ◆ *Guide/Coordinate program implementation*
- ◆ *Work closely with all LEPCs, EPA and FEMA*
- ◆ *Designate Local Emergency Planning Districts (LEPDs)*
- ◆ *Approve LEPCs*
- ◆ *Review/Comment on LEPC Plans*
- ◆ *Provide technical assistance to LEPCs*
- ◆ *Receive/Manage CRTK reports*
- ◆ *Coordinate education efforts for the public and involved parties*

LEPC Role

- ◆ *Work closely with SERC*
- ◆ *Develop LEPC Plan*
- ◆ *Submit LEPC Plan to SERC for review*
- ◆ *Exercise LEPC Plan*
- ◆ *Receive/Manage CRTK reports*

SERC/LEPC Relationship

- ◆ *Two-way communication*
 - LEPCs comment on SERC Work Plan
 - LEPC members volunteer for SERC Work Groups
- ◆ *Prevent duplication of efforts*
 - Work to streamline management of CRTK reports
 - Coordinate local plans with federal/state plans
 - Coordinate training standards and curriculum
- ◆ *Technical Assistance*
 - Training courses for LEPCs (Orientation, Hazards Analysis)
 - Resource library
 - Two full-time, cooperative staff people

Reasons for Local Government Involvement

- ◆ *It's the law*
 - Federal mandate via SARA Title III
 - State disaster emergency plan requirement
 - AS 26.23.020(e); AS 26.23.060(a)-(f)
- ◆ *Liability Issues*
- ◆ *Participation in state and regional contingency planning, including establishment of response equipment depots and training of volunteer response corps via LEPC*
- ◆ *Prevention save lives*

LEPC Application Process

- ◆ *Checklist of required steps*

Contacts

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- ◆ Alaska Division of Emergency Services - David McDowell, 376-2337

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SARA Title III UPDATE

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LEPD/LEPC Status

- ◆ Four Local Emergency Planning Districts (LEPDs) and Committees (LEPCs) -- *the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the Kodiak Island Borough, and the City of Yakutat* -- have been sanctioned by the State Emergency Response Commission.
- ◆ One LEPC -- *the Fairbanks North Star Borough* -- has submitted a local emergency response plan. This document is in draft form and is currently being reviewed by the Commission's LEPC Review Committee.
- ◆ Ten local governments -- *Alakanuk, Bethel, Emmonak, New Stuyahok, the North Slope Borough, St. Paul, Scammon Bay, Shishmaref, Sitka and Unalakleet* -- have applied for LEPC designation but have deficiencies in their applications.
- ◆ Sixteen jurisdictions -- *the Aleutians East Borough, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Bristol Bay Borough, Cantwell, Chignik, Haines, Healy, the City & Borough of Juneau, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, the Lake & Peninsula Borough, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, McKinley, New Stuyahok, the Northwest Arctic Borough, Quinhagak and Valdez* -- have inquired about the LEPC application process but have yet to formally apply.

SERC Status

- ◆ The sixth State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Meeting was held on January 12 in Anchorage. A draft action summary can be obtained by calling 465-2630 and requesting a copy.
- ◆ Two of the five SERC Committees have Anchorage meetings scheduled in March. The *LEPC Review and the Work Plan Committees* will meet on *March 14*. Agendas can be obtained by calling 465-2630 or 376-2337.
- ◆ The Commission meets next on *April 6* in Juneau. Call 465-2630 for agenda information.

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When All Else Fails! Enforcement Of The Emergency Planning And Community Right-To-Know Act

A Self Help Manual
For Local
Emergency Planning
Committees

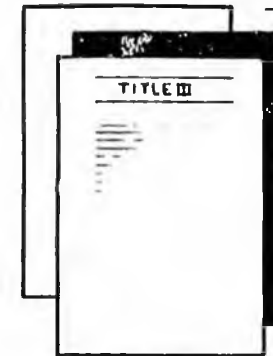


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Does your emergency plan address the key preparedness problems in your area? Do your first responders know what chemical hazards they face when arriving at the scene of an emergency? Has missing information limited your emergency preparedness? Have all affected facilities reported? What steps are you planning to take in the future to improve emergency preparedness? What can you do to ensure that facilities are complying with the law?

During the next few years, many Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) will look to improve the quality of their communities' chemical emergency response plans and to reduce chemical risks. One of the most significant ways to improve overall planning is to ensure that all the facilities have reported and, where appropriate, are participating in the emergency planning process. Only then can the local community completely understand and prepare for potential chemical accidents.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA or SARA Title III) grants specific state and local authority to request information from facilities and to take enforcement actions in those situations where voluntary compliance has not occurred. This pamphlet contains information on these authorities and provides tips to help LEPCs ensure that facilities covered by SARA Title III are complying with the law. The material presented outlines the enforcement authorities granted to citizens, local governments, States, and EPA.



Under this law, facilities that store extremely hazardous substances are required to report the presence of those substances and participate in the planning process. Your experience may indicate that there are facilities in your community that have not yet come forward with the required information. As an LEPC, you have many options for promoting voluntary compliance or compelling compliance.

What is the role of the LEPC in obtaining compliance? This question can only be answered by the LEPC itself. The Act offers many opportunities and obligations. It also provides enforcement mechanisms. In addition, citizens may compel you to obtain information for them. How actively you choose to pursue these opportunities or how you will respond to citizen inquiries will depend on your situation. As you work to implement the program, you will find that some facilities have not complied with the law. There will be two main reasons. Either the facility was unaware that it was subject to the law, or the facility simply did not report based on the assumption it would not be found and penalized. As LEPCs,

you may find the lack of cooperation from some facilities frustrating. You can do something about it — you have options. You may want to take an enforcement action or work with the State and EPA to enforce the provisions of the Act.

What is the role of the SERC?

Under SARA Title III, the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) is the focal point for emergency planning at the State level. You should look upon your SERC as a resource that can provide support. The law requires SERCs to provide oversight and coordination of LEPCs. They will be able to serve as your link to State law enforcement and emergency management offices. They should also be your link to the federal government (i.e., EPA) for enforcement requests.

Why does facility noncompliance matter? Facility compliance with reporting requirements is central to what the Act is all about: emergency preparedness and right-to-know. Since the enactment of SARA Title III in 1986, LEPCs across the country have spent considerable time and energy assessing the chemical hazards in their communities. To a great degree, this planning has enhanced the safety of the emergency responders and citizens of the community. Yet, many facilities still present unnecessary risks to those who arrive first on the scene of a chemical accident and to the community by not providing the required information on chemical use and storage. The quality of your plan may be compromised by the missing information. The safety of your local fire fighters may be in

jeopardy because a facility has not complied. Additionally, a facility that refuses to cooperate or that fails to report denies you and citizens in your community your legal right to have that information.

How can compliance be achieved?

In the context of SARA Title III and the local emergency planning committees, encouraging compliance can include many types of activities—from outreach to enforcement. LEPCs can work with local organizations such as Chambers of Commerce to get the message out to small businesses, as well as large companies, to encourage their compliance. Site visits and community meetings may be helpful. LEPCs, SERCs, State and local governments, and citizen groups can use informal mechanisms such as warning letters and are given authority to file civil enforcement actions in the U.S. District Courts. The Act provides, and State and local laws may further provide, other mechanisms to be used by State and local committees to compel facility compliance with the law. Knowledge of your authorities under the law will help you in your efforts to gain the cooperation you need.

Where To Start— Education And Outreach



The process of improving facility compliance may involve four steps: outreach to inform facilities of requirements; identification of facilities required to report; communication, education and persuasion; and enforcement actions where necessary.

Everyone prefers that facilities comply voluntarily. Voluntary compliance depends, in part, on efforts made to educate local facility owners about the Act, its reporting requirements, and how the information collected can benefit the community. Enlisting the local news media, cable television stations, fire departments, the Chamber of Commerce, local Rotary clubs and any other business organizations is a starting point. Speaking to meetings of these groups and using their newsletters can help get the message out effectively and inexpensively. Some LEPCs have conducted extensive letter-writing campaigns. Others have visited facilities and spoken directly to the owners about their reporting obligations. Once owners learn of their reporting obligations, most will provide the necessary information quickly and accurately.

What Next — Identifying And Persuading Noncompliers

To reach facilities that are not complying, you can use general outreach or target your efforts to facilities that may be covered. Unfortunately, no comprehensive set of data exists that will identify every facility that is required to comply. However, sources of information such as water permits, air permits, SARA Title III §313 toxic release inventory reports, and other data housed by your State or local authorities (e.g., hazardous materials permits) may help to identify facilities potentially required to report. Working in coordination with local fire departments will also help identify facilities that store large quantities of chemicals.

In addition, EPA has developed a cross-listing of Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes and the SARA Title III §302 extremely hazardous substances (EHS). This list, together with county or city specific information on businesses, should aid in identifying facilities that may be required to report under the planning provisions. Contact your SERC for copies of the SIC code/EHS cross-listing.

When you identify a facility that is out of compliance, what are your options? Direct contact with the facility owner or operator may be the easiest and most effective way to persuade the facility to comply. If the facility comes into compliance and the LEPC has received all the information it needs, no further action may be necessary. However, if the LEPC is unsatisfied with the results of its efforts or the facility refuses to comply, the LEPC may want to take further action.

What tools does the law provide to help the LEPC obtain information from a facility? Two provisions in SARA Title III authorize the LEPC to obtain information from facilities. If the LEPC needs additional information from a facility to assist the LEPC in its planning, the authority of SARA Title III §303(d)(3) can be used. Section 303(d)(3) requires facilities to promptly provide information the LEPC deems necessary for developing and implementing its emergency response plan. This authority is broad in the sense that it may be used to obtain a variety of information related to the identity and location of extremely hazardous substances, existence of facility emergency plans, and additional information needed to develop the LEPC plan.

Section 303(d)(3) is an enforceable provision. Failure to comply with the LEPC request could result in a penalty of up to \$25,000 per day. An LEPC should document the information request in a letter to the company. The request letter should: be sent to the owner or operator; cite the authority the LEPC has to request information (§303(d)(3)); be as specific as possible regarding the information requested; allow the facility a reasonable amount of time in which to reply (e.g., 30 days); and inform the facility owner or operator that failure to comply with the request is a violation of the law which could result in a \$25,000 per day penalty. LEPCs should consider the use of certified mail (return receipt requested) for these requests.



Many facilities required to report under the planning provisions are also covered by SARA Title III §312. Under §312, covered facilities must report to the SERC, LEPC, and fire department annually (every March 1) their inventories of hazardous chemicals. Section 312 also authorizes the SERC, LEPC, or a fire department to request information from a facility. Specifically, §312(e) authorizes these groups to request chemical specific forms on hazardous chemicals present at the facility above (§312(e)(3)(B)) or below (§312(e)(3)(C)) the 10,000 pound threshold.

Section 312(e) can be a powerful tool to get information from facilities that have not been cooperating with the LEPC. Like §303(d)(3), this, too, is an enforceable provision. If the owner or operator fails to provide the information, he or she may be liable for a penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation per day.

As with other requests made of a facility, the LEPC, SERC or fire department should formally request the information in a letter, cite the proper authorities, give ample time for the facility to reply (e.g., 30 days) and cite the potential penalty for failure to comply. Use of certified mail may again be appropriate.

If a company has filed a report under §312, SARA Title III authorizes local fire departments to inspect the facility to determine the specific location of hazardous

chemicals. LEPC members may want to accompany the fire department to promote a better understanding of the SARA Title III reporting requirements and to obtain information for planning purposes. In planning inspections, try to give the owner or operator advance notice. Should you encounter problems gaining access to the facility, contact your SERC and the Regional EPA office that has jurisdiction in your area.

These "enforcement" tools may never be needed if a facility is cooperating in the planning process. However, they are available to SERCs, LEPCs, and fire departments should a specific facility be unwilling to provide the necessary information.

If a facility fails to respond to your information request, what are the next steps? If your attempts to obtain information are disregarded or the information is not submitted in a timely manner, you have several options. First, you can work with your SERC to try to get the facility to cooperate. Second, you can notify the facility of your intention to:

- File a civil action in the U.S. District Court for violations of SARA Title III; or
- Assist the SERC and EPA in the enforcement of the provision(s) violated.

If an LEPC decides to cooperate with the SERC and EPA in an enforcement action, it is important that its efforts to bring the facility into compliance be documented. Establishing a record of efforts will aid the State and EPA in taking an enforcement action. LEPCs should maintain records of phone contacts, direct contacts, any letters that were sent to the company, etc. In developing enforcement actions, EPA will need your support in providing any evidence you have that the facility is in violation. The Agency will also request affidavits from you certifying that the required reports were not filed by the appropriate deadline. Contact your SERC and the Regional EPA office for additional information.

EPA is looking forward to cooperating with SERCs and LEPCs in the effort to make the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act a success. EPA wants to establish enforcement ties with every SERC. This network of people will help to set priorities for enforcement actions within the State and provide a mechanism through which LEPCs can elevate and resolve compliance problems. It is only through our combined efforts that facilities will come to know and comply with this important law.

Enforcement Authorities

SARA Title III contains provisions to ensure that citizens' rights to information are backed by the legal tools needed to obtain cooperation of facility owners and operators. Congress included stiff penalties for failure of owners and operators to comply with the law's reporting requirements.

SARA Title III contains two sections dealing with enforcement: §325 Federal Enforcement and §326 Civil Actions. Actions initiated by LEPCs would likely fall under the civil category, but as described above, LEPCs could cooperate with the State and EPA.



Civil Actions (§326)

SARA Title III provides States, local groups, and citizens the authority to file civil actions in the U.S. District Court against owners and operators if they fail to comply with the law. The Act gives the public the right to access information and the legal remedies to make information available if an owner or operator is unwilling to cooperate in the emergency planning process or submit the required reports. These provisions emphasize that everyone has a role in ensuring that facilities comply with the Act.

Citizen Suits. Under SARA Title III §326(a)(1), any person has the authority to file a civil action in the U.S. District Court against owners or operators of facilities for their failure to submit: §304(c) follow-up reports; §311 MSDSs or lists of MSDSs; §312 Tier I forms; and §313 Toxic Chemical Release forms.

For any civil action described above, the plaintiff must notify the EPA, the State in which the alleged violation occurs, and the alleged violator 60 days prior to initiating a suit. On January 26, 1989 EPA issued a Proposed Rule on Prior Notice for Citizen Suits under CERCLA and SARA Title III (See the Federal Register Vol. 54 Page 3913). Consult this rule if you plan to bring a civil suit.

State and Local Suits. Section 326(a)(2) authorizes State and local suits. State and local governments have the authority to bring civil actions in the U.S. District Court for: failure to notify under §302; failure to provide information under §303; failure to submit MSDSs or a list of MSDSs as required under §311; and failure to submit Tier I information required under §312. These actions do not require notification prior to commencement.

SARA Title III §329(7) defines "person" as any individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, corporation (including a government corporation), partnership, association, *State, municipality, commission, political subdivision of a State, or interstate body* [emphasis added]. Because §326 authorizes any "person" to bring a civil action against owners and operators for their failure to submit reports specified under §326(a)(1), this definition suggests that State and local governments, SERCs, and LEPCs could take action under the citizen suit provisions in addition to the suits authorized under §326(a)(2).

FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT (§325)



Under SARA Title III §325, the Federal government has the authority to bring administrative, and civil or criminal judicial actions against violators. EPA's ability to handle SARA Title III cases administratively means that the delays and expenses associated with judicial cases can be avoided. The enforcement authorities available to EPA and the maximum penalties vary by each reporting requirement.

Section 325(a) authorizes the EPA Administrator to order owners or operators of facilities to comply with §§302 and 303. The local U.S. District Court has jurisdiction to enforce the order and assess a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation for each day the violation continues. EPA cannot assess these penalties administratively.

Violation of the §304 emergency notification requirements can be addressed through administrative or judicial enforcement. SARA Title III also establishes criminal penalties for knowingly and willfully failing to provide notice or providing false or misleading information. Section 304 violations can carry a Class I civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 per violation or a Class II civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 per violation per day. In the case of subsequent violations, Class II penalties of up to

\$75,000 for each day a violation continues may be assessed. Any person who knowingly and willfully fails to provide notice in accordance with SARA Title III §304 could receive a fine of up to \$25,000 or be imprisoned for not more than two years, or both. For second or subsequent convictions, the violator will be subject to a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

For violations of SARA Title III §§311, 312, and 313, EPA can assess civil penalties by issuing administrative orders or by filing actions in the U.S. District Court to enforce compliance and assess penalties. Violation of §311 subjects the violator to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for each violation. Sections 312 and 313 violations subject the violator to civil penalties of not more than \$25,000 for each violation. The statute establishes that every day a violation continues is considered a separate violation.

Under §325(d), EPA may assess a penalty of \$25,000 for each trade secret claim that is found to be frivolous. The statute also provides criminal penalties for disclosure of trade secret information. Any person who knowingly and willfully divulges trade secret information will be subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not more than \$20,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

SARA Title III provides a special enforcement authority for health professionals. Whenever an owner or operator of a facility fails to provide information to the health professional as required under §323

of the Act, the health professional may bring action in the U.S. District Court to require the owner or operator to comply. The U.S. District Court has the jurisdiction to issue orders and take other actions as may be necessary to enforce §323.

It's In The Federal Register

You can find detailed information on the various provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act in the *Federal Register*, which is available at public or university libraries. Here are the citations for the EPA regulations covering various sections of the Act.

- Sections 301-303 (emergency planning): April 22, 1987; December 17, 1987; February 25, 1988 (40 CFR 300 and 355)
- Section 304 (emergency release notification): April 22, 1987; December 17, 1987; February 25, 1988 (40 CFR 300 and 355)
- Sections 311-312 (hazardous chemical reporting): October 15, 1987; August 4, 1988 (40 CFR 370)
- Section 313 (toxic chemical release reporting): February 16, 1988; June 20, 1988 (40 CFR 372)
- Section 322 (trade secrets): July 29, 1988 (40 CFR 350)
- Section 325 (Federal Enforcement) May 16, 1989 (40 CFR 22)
- Section 326 (Citizen Suits): January 26, 1989 (40 CFR 373 and 374)

Conclusion

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act is unique among Federal environmental statutes in providing numerous opportunities for active participation at the local level. It is designed to enhance local emergency preparedness and awareness of chemical hazards at the community level. The benefits of a successful program can be many, ranging from reducing the potential for injuries and deaths relating to chemical accidents to designing effective city planning standards for air, water and waste management.

The LEPC is the focus of this effort for a community to better understand and prevent chemical accidents. Understanding the authorities that SARA Title III provides will make you better able to carry out an effective chemical awareness and emergency planning program.

Your efforts to implement the program need not be hindered by facilities that are unwilling to cooperate. SARA Title III provides the information gathering and enforcement tools you need to ensure that you can obtain the information that you and your community have a right to know.

Who can I contact for more information or enforcement assistance? For more information or assistance with a specific enforcement-related problem, contact the State Emergency Response Commission of your State and/or your U.S. EPA regional office. There are ten EPA regional

offices that serve the States and U.S. territories. Consult the following list to identify the EPA office for your State.

EPA Region 1
Preparedness Coordinator
617/860-1385
ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI

Region 2
Preparedness Coordinator
201/321-6656
NY, NJ, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

Region 3
Preparedness Coordinator
215/597-3184
PA, WV, VA, DE, DC, MD

Region 4
Preparedness Coordinator
404/347-3931
NC, SC, GA, FL, TN, MS, KY, AL

Region 5
Preparedness Coordinator
312/886-1964
MI, WI, MN, IN, OH, IL

Region 6
Preparedness Coordinator
214/665-2277
NM, TX, OK, AR, LA

Region 7
Preparedness Coordinator
913/236-2806
NE, KS, IA, MO

Region 8
Preparedness Coordinator
303/293-1723
ND, SD, WY, CO, UT, MT

Region 9
Preparedness Coordinator
415/974-7477
CA, AZ, NV, HI, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Region 10
Preparedness Coordinator
206/442-1263
WA, ID, OR, AK

State Emergency Response Commission Telephone Numbers

Alabama	(205) 834-1375 (205) 271-7700	New Mexico	(505) 827-3375
Alaska	(907) 465-2600	New York	(518) 457-2222
American Samoa	(684) 633-2331	North Carolina	(919) 733-3867
Arizona	(602) 244-0504	North Dakota	(701) 224-2348 (701) 224-2111
Arkansas	(501) 562-7444	Ohio	(614) 644-2260
California	(916) 427-4201	Oklahoma	(405) 521-2481
Colorado	(303) 273-1622 (303) 331-4600	Oregon	(503) 378-3473
Connecticut	(203) 566-4856	Pennsylvania	(717) 783-8150
Delaware	(302) 736-4321	Puerto Rico	(809) 725-5140 (809) 722-1175
District of Columbia	(202) 727-6161	Rhode Island	(401) 421-7333
Florida	(904) 488-1900	South Carolina	(803) 734-0442
Georgia	(404) 656-3500	South Dakota	(605) 773-3153
Guam	(671) 477-9841	Tennessee	(615) 252-3300
Hawaii	(808) 548-5832	Texas	(512) 465-2138
Idaho	(208) 342-0031	Utah	(801) 533-5271 (801) 538-6121
Illinois	(217) 782-2700	Vermont	(802) 828-2286
Indiana	(317) 243-5176	Virgin Islands	(809) 774-3320
Iowa	(515) 281-6175	Virginia	(804) 225-2667
Kansas	(913) 296-1690	Washington	(206) 753-2200
Kentucky	(502) 564-8680	West Virginia	(304) 348-2755
Louisiana	(504) 925-6113	Wisconsin	(608) 266-3232
Maine	1-800-452-8735		
Northern Mariana Islands	(670) 322-9274		
Maryland	(301) 225-5780		
Massachusetts	(617) 727-7775 (617) 875-1381 (617) 292-5810		
Michigan	(517) 373-8481		
Minnesota	(612) 296-0481		
Mississippi	(601) 960-9000		
Missouri	(314) 751-7929		
Montana	(406) 444-3111		
Nebraska	(402) 471-4230		
Nevada	(702) 885-5375		
New Hampshire	(603) 271-2231		
New Jersey	(609) 882-2000 (609) 292-6714		

State Designated TRI Contacts

Alabama	(205) 271-7931	Oklahoma	(405) 521-2481
Alaska	(907) 465-2600	Oregon	(503) 378-2885
American Samoa	(684) 633-2682	Pennsylvania	(717) 783-8150
Arizona	(602) 244-0504	Puerto Rico	(809) 724-6045
Arkansas	(501) 562-7444	Rhode Island	(401) 277-2808
California	(916) 324-8124	South Carolina	(803) 734-0425
Colorado	(303) 331-4858	South Dakota	(605) 773-3153
Connecticut	(203) 566-4856	Tennessee (Within State)	800 1 262-3300
Delaware	(302) 736-4764	(Out of State)	800 1 258-3300
District of Columbia	(202) 727-6161	Texas	(512) 463-7727
Florida	(904) 487-4915	Utah	(801) 538-6121
Georgia	(404) 656-6905	Vermont	(802) 863-7281
Guam	(671) 646-8863	Virginia	(804) 786-3017
Hawaii	(808) 548-6505	Virgin Islands	(809) 774-3320
Idaho	(208) 334-5898	Washington	(206) 459-6303
Illinois	(217) 782-3637	West Virginia	(304) 348-2901
Indiana	(317) 243-5167	Wisconsin	(608) 266-3232
Iowa	(515) 281-5385	Wyoming	(307) 777-7566
Kansas	(913) 296-1522		
Kentucky	(502) 564-8684		
Louisiana	(504) 342-6363		
Maine	(207) 289-4080		
Northern Mariana Islands	(670) 234-6984		
Maryland	(301) 225-5780		
Massachusetts	(617) 556-1029		
Michigan	(517) 373-8481		
Minnesota	(612) 296-0481		
Mississippi	(601) 352-9100		
Missouri	(314) 751-7929		
Montana	(406) 444-3948		
Nebraska	(402) 471-4230		
Nevada	(702) 885-4240		
New Hampshire	(603) 271-2231		
New Jersey	(609) 292-6714		
New Mexico	(505) 827-3375		
New York	(518) 457-4107		
North Carolina	(919) 733-3867		
North Dakota	(701) 224-2374		
Ohio	(614) 481-7050		

Title III EPCRA Enforcement Authorities

Requirement	Federal	State and Local	Citizen
§302(c) o/o with EHS > TPQ notify SERC by 5/17/87 (or 6 mos. after EHS > TPQ becomes present) that facility is subject to Act.	§325(a) EPA may order o/o to comply. USDC has authority to enforce and assess a penalty of up to \$25k per day.	§326(a)(2)(A)(i) State & Local Governments can file civil action in USDC for failure of o/o to notify SERC.	No authority under §326(a)(1).
§303(d) o/o must appoint facility representative to participate in planning by 9/17/87 & provide info for planning when requested.	§325(a) EPA may order o/o to comply. USDC has authority to enforce and assess a penalty of up to \$25k per day.	§326(a)(2)(B) SERC or LEPC can file civil action in USDC against o/o for failure to provide information.	No authority under §326(a)(1).
§304(b) o/o must notify SERC & LEPC immediately after release of EHS or CERCLA HHS RQ. §304(c) o/o must provide follow-up report as soon as practicable.	§325(b)(1) & (b)(2) Class I & Class II penalties of up to \$25k/day (up to \$75k/day for second or after) by Administrative Order or in USDC. Criminal penalty: up to \$25k per day and/or 2 years.	No authority under §326(a)(2). See §326(a)(1).	§326(a)(1)(A)(i) any person can file civil action in USDC against o/o for failure to submit follow-up report.
§311 o/o who must prepare MSDS for OSHA must submit MSDS/list to SERC, LEPC & fire department by 10/17/87 or 3 months after newly subject to OSHA.	§325(C)(2),(4) EPA can assess penalty of up to \$10k per violation per day by Administrative Order or in USDC.	§326(a)(2)(A)(ii) & (iii) State & Local Governments can file civil action in USDC against o/o for failure to submit MSDS or list or make available information requested under §311(c).	§326(a)(1)(A)(ii) any person can file civil action in USDC against o/o for failure to submit MSDS or list.
§312(a) o/o who must prepare MSDS under OSHA must also submit Tier I form on 3/1/88, then annually. For newly covered facilities, first forms due 3/1/90.	§325(c)(1),(4) EPA can assess penalty of up to \$25k per violation per day by Administrative Order or in USDC.	§326(a)(2)(A)(iv) State & Local Governments can file civil action in USDC against o/o for failure to submit Tier I form. §326(a)(2)(B) SERC & LEPC can file action for failure to submit Tier II form under §312(e)(1).	§326(a)(1)(A)(iii) any person can file civil action in USDC against o/o for failure to submit Tier I information.
§313 o/o of facility that manufactured, processed or used a toxic chemical in previous year must submit TRI form annually starting 7/1/88.	§325(c)(1),(4) EPA can assess penalty of up to \$25k per violation per day by Administrative Order or in USDC.	No authority under §326(a)(2). See §326(a)(1).	§326(a)(1)(A)(iv) anyone can file a civil action in USDC against an o/o for failure to submit a TCR form under §313.
§322(a)(2) o/o must submit information to support a trade secret claim.	§325(c)(2) EPA can assess a penalty of up to \$10k per violation per day by Administrative Order or in USDC.	No authority.	No Authority.
§325(d) claim must not be frivolous.	§325(d)(1) EPA can assess penalty of \$25k per claim for claim that is unsubstantiated or not a trade secret and frivolous by Administrative Order or in USDC.	No Authority	No Authority
§323(b) o/o must submit a MSDS, inventory form, and a TCR form to physician who requests information in an emergency situation.	§325(c)(2) EPA can assess a penalty of up to \$10k per violation by Administrative Order or in USDC.	No Authority	§325(e) Health professional can file action in USDC to compel o/o to comply. USDC may issue order and enforce.

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PREVENTION

PREPAREDNESS

RESPONSE

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PREVENTION

VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEMS

TANKER DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

MANNING STANDARDS

IMPROVED RADAR

PILOTS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING

VESSEL ESCORTS

UNLIMITED LIABILITY

RESTRICT MOVEMENTS DURING BAD WEATHER

PENALTIES THAT PROVIDE INCENTIVES

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PREPAREDNESS

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES

INTERSTATE COMPACTS

RESPONSE PLANNING

TRAINING

DRILLS

INSPECTIONS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

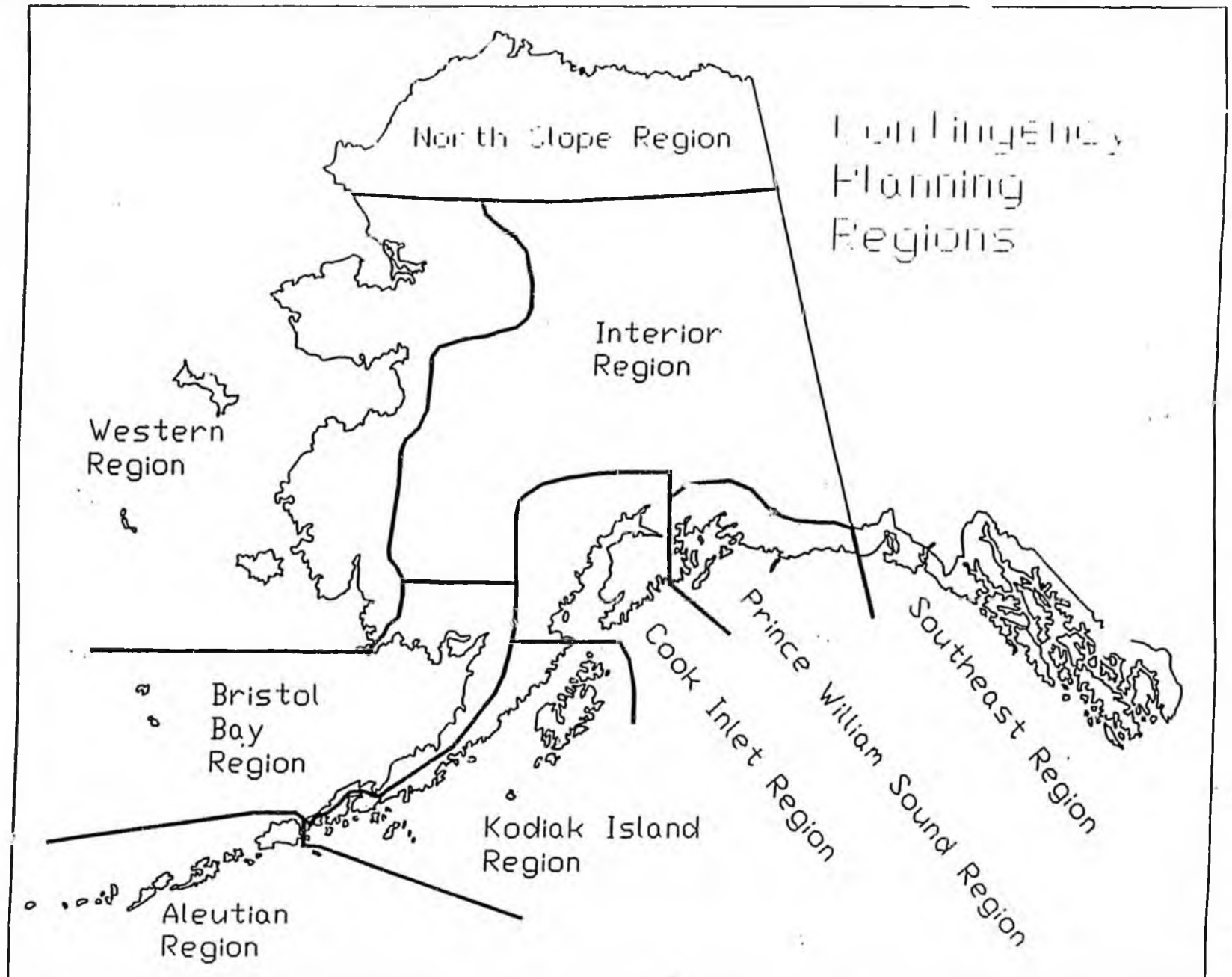
RESPONSE FUNDING

RESPONSE CORPS

RESPONSE DEPOTS

LOCAL AGREEMENTS

OIL DISCHARGE CONTINGENCY PLANS



STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Role:

(1) Develop State and
Regional Oil and Hazardous
Substance Discharge
Contingency Plans

(2) Implement the federal
Emergency Planning and
Community Right to Know
Act (SARA Title III)
-fact sheet attached

(3) Preparedness

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)

Chair - DEC
Vice-chair - DES

Members:

DPS
DOT&PF
DHSS
DCRA
Oil Industry Representative
Municipality of Anchorage
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Fairbanks N.S. Borough
Alaska Fire Chiefs Ass'n.
Rural Representatives
Public Interest Group
DNR*
ADF&G*
DOL*

Role:

(1) Develop Local
Emergency Response
Plans

(2) Spill Response
Preparedness

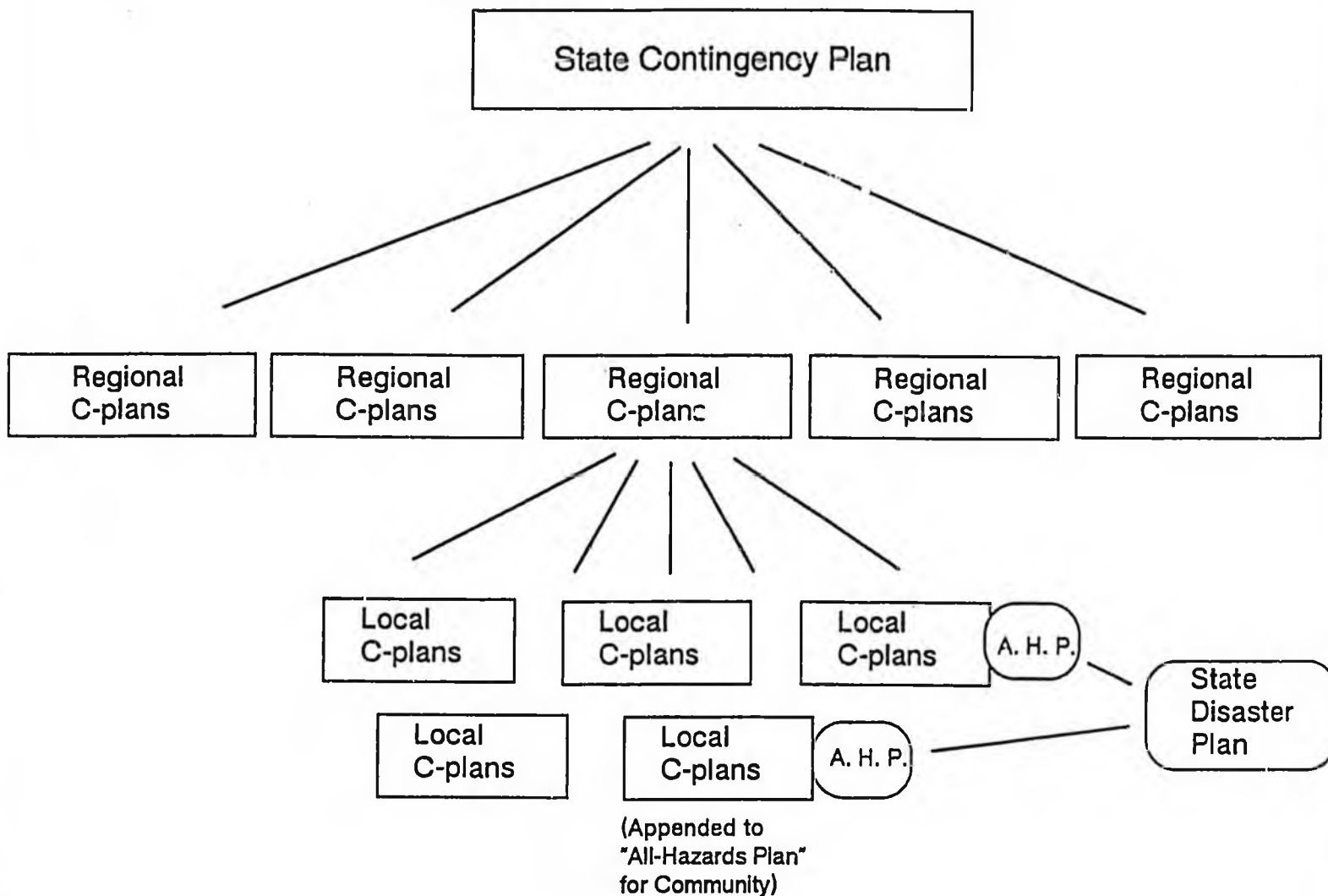
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Elected Official

Members:

Law Enforcement
Civil Defense /
Emergency Management
Firefighting
First Aid
Health
Hospital
Local Environmental
Transportation Personnel
Broadcast and Print Media
Community Groups
Owners / Operators of
Applicable Facilities
Other

CONTINGENCY PLANS



- (1) Local plans are appended to the regional oil and hazardous substances contingency plans
- (2) Regional oil and hazardous substances plans are appended to the state oil and hazardous substances contingency plan
- (3) Community "All Hazards" plans are appended to the State Disaster Plan

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RESPONSE

DEC-STATE ON SCENE COORDINATOR

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

UNIFIED COMMAND STRUCTURE

SAFETY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

RESPONSE DEPOTS

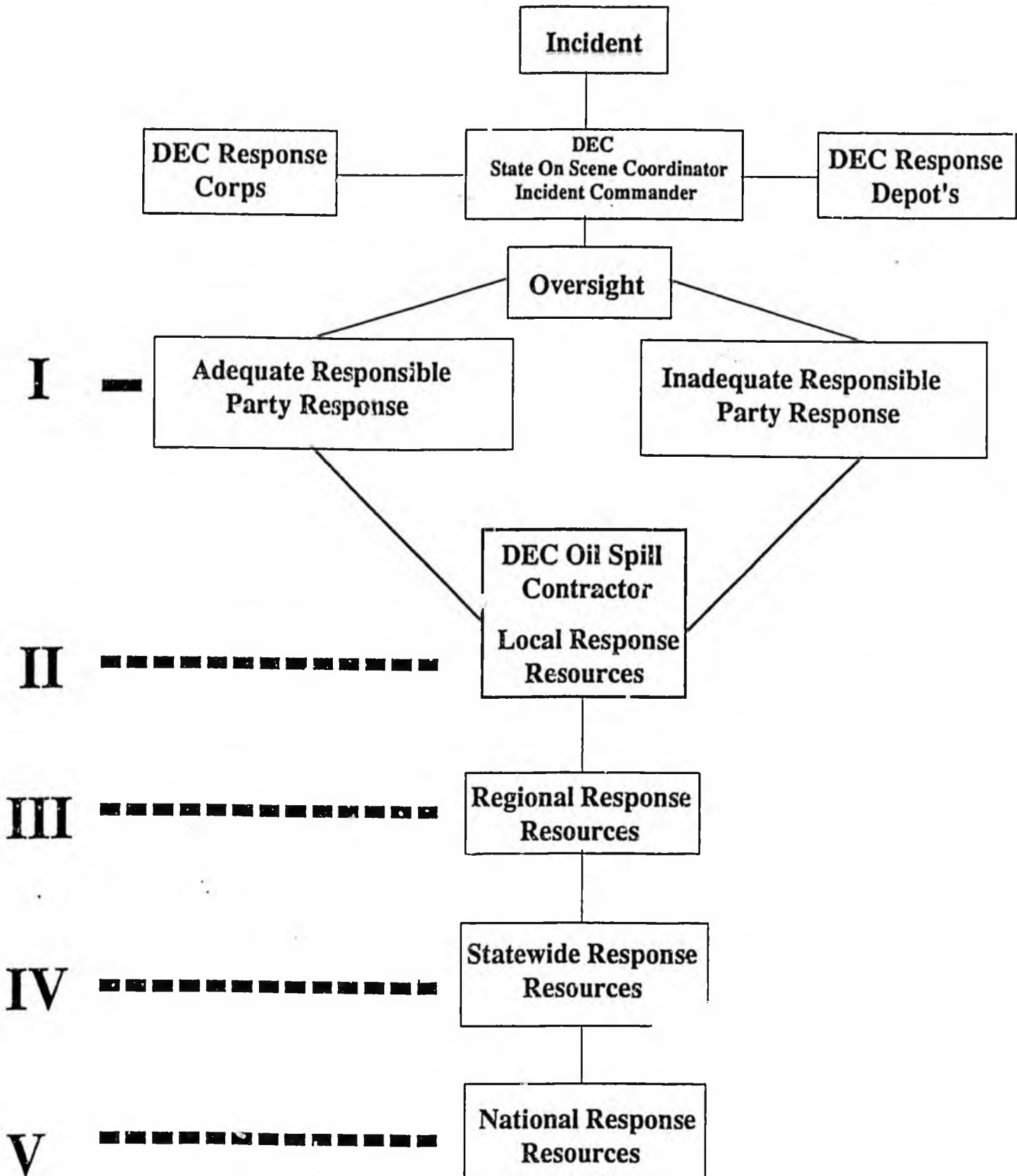
DEC RESPONSE OFFICE

OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RESPONSE CORPS

**COORDINATION WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE, FEDERAL
AND PRIVATE PARTIES**

DEC CONTRACTOR MOBILIZATION

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RESPONSE ORGANIZATION

for Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharges

Area: Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

COMMAND		
On: State Coordinator (ADEC)		
DUTIES		
As an incident response team the command structure consists of the following members:		
ADQ	ADNR	ADSS
ADRI	ADRA	ADRA
ADRS	LEPC	ADSS

Other state agencies, the USCG (PA) and other federal agencies, EPA, local, local officials, and other agencies may be asked to sit on command meetings as advisors.

STAFF	
Information Officer (ADEC)	
Union Officer (ADEC)	
Community Union Officer	
Legal Advisor (ADOLaw)	
Project Coordinator (ADEC)	
Safety Officer (DOLabor)	

LOGISTICS	
DMVA (Section Head)	ADNR
ADOT/PP	ADNR
ADPS	LEPC

DUTIES

- communications
- camp and staging site selection
- air, ground and water transportation and support
- equipment and fuel needs
- facilities
- food
- procurement of equipment and supplies
- emergency medical services
- security

(Note: During a large incident there will be a unit head and staff for each duty.)

PLANNING	
ADEC (Section Head)	LEPC
ADNR	DES
ADPS	DES
DHSS	

DUTIES

- all incident response planning
- provides information to command
- identify support and communications needs for logistics
- spot surveillance, tracking and movement prediction
- identify and prioritize environmental sensitive areas
- identify natural resource areas of concern
- coordinate environmental studies
- cleanup and monitoring
- short-term assessment

(Note: During a large incident there will be a unit head and staff for each duty.)

OPERATIONS	
ADEC (Section Head)	

DUTIES

- implement policy, objectives, plans
- hold meetings to coordinate and organize response operations with all Operations groups and Planning and Logistics sections

ADMINISTRATION	
OMB / ADOA / ADEC	ADQA
ADOL	ADQA
ADOLaw	ADEC
DMR	DES

DUTIES

- office management
- data management
- equipment
- contracting
- hiring personnel
- claims
- accounting / finance

(Note: During a large incident there will be a unit head and staff for each duty.)

CONTAINMENT AND CLEANUP	
ADEC (Group Head)	
ADEC VOL. CORPS	
ADNR	
ADPS	

DUTIES

- oil and hazardous substance containment
- oil and hazardous substance clean-up
- shoreline clean-up
- oil and hazardous substance disposal

(Note: During a large incident there will be a unit head and staff for each duty.)

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
ADHSS (Group Head)	LEPC
ADHSS	ADOL
ADRA	DES
ADPS	DES

DUTIES

- medical services
- safety
- community service impacts
- mental health

(Note: During a large incident there will be a unit head and staff for each duty.)

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT	
ADQ (Group Head)	ADEC
ADQ	ADNR
ADNR	LEPC

DUTIES

- injury determination and quantification
- economic value assessment
- restoration

(Note: During a large incident there will be a unit head and staff for each duty.)

WATER TREATMENT	
ADQ (Group Head)	
ADQ	
VOL. CORPS	

DUTIES

- organize treatment centers
- water search and rescue
- primary care and feeding

(Note: During a large incident there will be a unit head and staff for each duty.)

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LAWS PERTAINING TO PREVENTION

Prior to 1989

- o Oil pollution prohibited
- o Ballast water discharge prohibited
- o Criminal penalties
- o Civil penalties for discharge of oil
> 18,000 gallons...up to \$10/gallons
five times multiplier for negligence
- o Liability limit of 100,000,000 for oil
- o Strict Liability
- o Recovery of costs to state for oversight,
cleanup, damages, restoration
- o Detention of vessels as security for damages
- o Emergency powers
- o Injunctive powers

1989

- o Increased civil penalties for crude oil spills
> 18,000 gallons...\$8 for first 420,000 gallons
\$12.50 > 420,000 gallons
Four times multiplier for negligence
Credit applied for amount of oil recovered
in first 36 hours *Regulatory formula applied*
- o Liability limit of \$500,000 for crude oil spills

1990

- o Strengthen financial responsibility requirements
HB 567

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LAWS PERTAINING TO PREPAREDNESS

Prior to 1989

- o Oil Discharge contingency plans required
 - Terminals > 10,000 bbls
 - Offshore exploration or production facilities
 - Tank vessels
 - Oil Barges
- o Proof of Financial Responsibility
- o Inspection Authority
- o Compacts authorized
- o Contracting Authority
- o Perform DES role in declared disaster emergencies

1989

- o State Master Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharge and Prevention Contingency Plan
- o Regional Master Oil and Hazardous Subsurface Discharge and Prevention Contingency Plan
- o Unannounced spill drills
- o Spill technology research
- o Response corps training

1990

- o Use of response fund during declared disaster emergencies.
- o Expand role of Division of Emergency Services
- o Establish State Emergency Response Commission and Local Emergency Planning Districts and Committees
- o Extend the requirement for Contingency Plans
- o Strengthen inspection authority to include structural integrity of tank vessels

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LAWS PERTAINING TO RESPONSE

Prior to 1989

- o Discharge notification required
- o Provide for containment and cleanup of discharges of unknown origin - *Self policed largely*
- o Require maximum practicable use of private services and resources
- o Ensure cleanup is initiated and adequate
- o Identify source, cause and responsible party

1989

- o Established response office for spills that present a grave and substantial threat
- o Established response corps
- o Established response depot

1990

- o Define "realistic maximum oil discharge" - *used to design response capability*

ALASKA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

FY 90 WORK PLAN

Interim Adoption: September 18, 1989

Committee Revisions as of December 6, 1989

The State Emergency Response Commission provisionally adopted the following mission statement:

The mission of the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission is to protect public health, safety and the environment by ensuring effective and efficient use of resources to plan for and respond to incidents involving hazardous and other toxic substances. In carrying out this commitment, the Commission will foster coordination at the local, state and federal levels, and will provide information to citizens and other interested persons.

This work plan implements the mission with objectives and activities outlined under five goals. The goals are:

- Goal 1: *Ensuring that the SERC meets the minimum responsibilities under Title III.*
- Goal 2: *Increasing the visibility of Title III in Alaska.*
- Goal 3: *Establishing mechanisms to support the implementation of Title III.*
- Goal 4: *Improving Alaska's response capability to hazardous and other toxic substances.*
- Goal 5: *Developing a long-term implementation and maintenance strategy.*

The work plan assigns responsibilities to five committees. The committees include:

- ♦ Legislation & Funding
- ♦ Work Plan
- ♦ LEPC Review
- ♦ Training & Emergency Response
- ♦ Public Awareness & Data Utilization

The following chart timelines each goal's objectives and activities, assigns a responsible committee for these actions and lists evaluation criteria for reviewing the SERC's progress. An annual report, summarizing each goal's progress, will be prepared at the end of the year.

The chart reads: *Goal 1 is to ensure that the SERC meets the minimum responsibilities under Title III. Goal 1's first objective is to establish LEPCs/LEPCs in boroughs and first class cities by June 30, 1990. The LEPC Review Committee is the responsible party for this objective, and the committee will report their progress at the September, December, March and June SERC Meetings. Objective 1's first activity is to evaluate the LEPC Review Committee membership. The activity should start in July and be completed by the December SERC Meeting.*

Goal 1: Ensure that the SERC meets the minimum responsibilities under Title III.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J		

1. To establish LEPDs/LEPCs in boroughs and first class cities by June 30, 1990:															LEPC Review Committee	committee reports
◆ Evaluate the LEPC Review Committee membership.																----->
◆ Evaluate the current procedures for reviewing applications and designating LEPDs/LEPCs.																----->
◆ Continue providing support to local governments to encourage LEPC/LEPC formation.																----->
◆ Compile an LEPC status and membership report with recommendations for achieving this objective.																----->

Goal 1: Ensure that the SERC meets the minimum responsibilities under Title III.

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<p>2. To develop a strategy that addresses establishing LEPCs in unorganized areas of the state by the March 1990 SERC Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Analyze the current approach. -----> ◆ Initiate strategy development. -----> ◆ Identify communities and organizations requiring contact. -----> 							■					■	LEPC Review Committee	committee reports
<p>3. To establish mechanisms for reviewing LEPC plans by the March 1990 SERC Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Review other state approaches and the LEPC Guidebook to synthesize procedures. -----> ◆ Distribute guidance to the LEPCs. -----> ◆ Develop a computer program model. -----> 							■					■	LEPC Review Committee	- committee reports - LEPC plan review procedures

Goal 1: Ensure that the SERC meets the minimum responsibilities under Title III.

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4. To notify the EPA Administrator of facilities subject to Title III reporting requirements by the December 1989 SERC Meeting:						■							Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee	- committee report - EPA notification
◆ Develop a procedure.														
◆ Send notification to the EPA Administrator.												*		
5. To develop a data management plan for community right-to-know information by the December 1989 SERC Meeting:						■							Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee	- committee report - data management plan
◆ Research how other states manage, use and distribute data.														
◆ Recommend an overall data management strategy.														

Goal 1: Ensure that the SERC meets the minimum responsibilities under Title III.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA
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6. To establish procedures for reviewing and processing community right-to-know requests by the December 1989 SERC Meeting:

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Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee

- committee report
- CRTK procedures

◆ Research other state approaches.

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◆ Develop a procedure.

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Goal 2: Increase the visibility of Title III in Alaska.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA	
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J			
1. To identify target audiences for dissemination of information by the December 1989 SERC Meeting:													■	Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee	- committee report - Title III mailing list
◆ Contact all levels of government agencies and non-profit, consumer, special interest and industry groups, and secure lists for an all-encompassing Title III mailing list.															----->
◆ Identify the existing delivery mechanism for dissemination of information on hazardous materials.															----->
2. To evaluate the current public awareness system by the December 1989 SERC Meeting:													■	Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee	committee report
◆ Document past outreach activities for Title III.															---->
◆ Propose future outreach activities.															---->

Goal 2: Increase the visibility of Title III in Alaska.

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3. To market Title III with an introductory information campaign to sell the public and industry, and to promote active participation at all levels, by the December 1989 SERC Meeting:														Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee	committee report
◆ Distribute the SERC fact sheet to all target audiences.															----->
◆ Prepare and disseminate a public information statement for the print and broadcast media.															---->
◆ Develop and distribute an industry-specific fact sheet.															---->
◆ Educate local governments about Title III requirements.															----->

Goal 2: Increase the visibility of Title III in Alaska.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA	
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4. To develop mechanisms to institutionalize the SERC by January 1, 1990:														Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee	- committee report - SERC newsletter
◆ Produce a SERC logo and letterhead.															
◆ Produce and distribute statewide a SERC newsletter.				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
◆ Draft proposed legislative authority and submit to the Governor.														Legislation & Funding Committee	- committee report

Goal 2: Increase the visibility of Title III in Alaska.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA
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5. To develop mechanisms to exchange Title III information by June 30, 1989:															Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee	committee reports
◆ Establish communication mechanisms encouraging intra-, inter- and extra-agency staff exchanges with groups interested in hazardous and other toxic substances.																
◆ Prepare and disseminate public information on an on-going basis.																
◆ Nominate to SERC working groups individuals from all levels of government and industry, consumers and representatives from various geographic areas.																
◆ Conduct an annual Title III conference to transfer information and provide a forum for development of long-term implementation strategies.																

Goal 3: Establish mechanisms to support the implementation of Title III.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA
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1. To have in place guidance for SERC activities:			■			■							■	Work Plan Committee	- committee reports - bylaws - FY 90 report - FY 91 work plan
◆ Adopt SERC bylaws by the March 1990 SERC meeting.														----->	
◆ Finalize the FY 91 work plan by the June 1990 SERC Meeting.														----->	
◆ Conduct a review of SERC activities and prepare status report by first FY 91 SERC Meeting.														---->	

Goal 3: Establish mechanisms to support the implementation of Title III.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA		
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2. To ensure interagency coordination during implementation of Title III at all levels of government (federal, state and local):							■						■			committee reports
◆ Inventory and review existing memoranda of agreements for consistency with Title III implementation strategies by the March 1990 SERC Meeting.																Legislation & Funding Committee
◆ Identify need for additional memorandum of agreements by the March 1990 SERC Meeting.																Legislation & Funding Committee
◆ Conduct regular conference calls with SERC Chair and Vice-Chair, appropriate Committee Chairs and SERC staff.																SERC
◆ Send out draft FY 91 work plan to LEPCs for review and comment by the March 1990 SERC Meeting.														*		Work Plan Committee

Goal 3: Establish mechanisms to support the implementation of Title III.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA
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3. To ensure legislative and statutory consistency for emergency response to hazardous and other toxic substances by the June 1990 SERC Meeting:							■								Legislation & Funding Committee	committee reports
◆ Examine and recommend solutions for the inconsistencies in state regulations and statutes.																
◆ Institute a similar local level review to resolve inconsistencies between state and local levels.																
◆ Communicate legislative needs, both short- and long-term, to the Congressional delegation.																

Goal 3: Establish mechanisms to support the implementation of Title III.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA
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| <p>5. To ensure the availability of adequate Title III information in Alaska and the efficient use of this information, by the March 1990 SERC Meeting:</p> | <p>■</p> | <p>Work Plan Committee</p> | <p>committee report</p> |
| <p>◆ Review P.L. 99-499 and prepare recommendations for the optional SERC responsibilities.</p> | <p>-----></p> | | |

Goal 3: Establish mechanisms to support the implementation of Title III.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA			
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4. To secure adequate funding for the SERC's mission:													■	■	■		- committee reports - annual budget
◆ Obtain budget needs from LEPCs prior to the December 1989 SERC Meeting.																	Work Plan Committee
◆ Prepare FY 91 budget, in conjunction with the annual work plan, by the December 1989 SERC Meeting.																	Work Plan Committee
◆ Identify other groups, such as industry and non-profits, that may be able to augment the SERC and LEPCs budgets by the December 1989 SERC Meeting.																	Work Plan Committee
◆ Communicate budget needs, both short- and long-term, to the Congressional delegation, EPA, etc., by June 30, 1990.																	Legislation & Funding Committee
◆ Present to the Governor the annual work plan and report at the first FY 91 SERC Meeting.																	SERC

Goal 4: Improve Alaska's response capability to hazardous and other toxic substances incidents.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA		
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J				
1. To develop a regional emergency plan for incidents beyond first-responder capabilities by June 30, 1990:							■							■	Training & Emergency Response Committee	- committee reports - regional response plan
◆ Recommend boundaries for response regions.																----->
2. To increase personnel capability, both quantitatively and qualitatively, by June 30, 1990:							■							■	Training & Emergency Response Committee	committee reports
◆ Promote the implementation of the minimum training standards for all responders.																----->
◆ Encourage the training of first responders throughout the state.																----->
◆ Coordinate and support training opportunities that incorporate Alaska's unique conditions.																----->

Goal 5: Develop a long-term implementation and maintenance strategy.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA
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| <p>3. To ensure adequate resources to follow through with the strategy, by the June 1990 SERC Meeting:</p> | <p>■ ■ ■</p> | <p>Work Plan Committee</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - committee reports - long-term budget - Title III use report |
| <p>◆ Prepare a long-term budget.</p> | <p>-----></p> | | |
| <p>◆ Develop and disseminate a report that demonstrates the value of Title III information in protecting public health and the environment.</p> | <p>-----></p> | | |

Goal 5: Develop a long-term implementation and maintenance strategy.

OBJECTIVE/ACTIVITIES	MONTH												RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EVALUATION CRITERIA		
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J				
1. To develop a long-term implementation plan by the June 1990 SERC Meeting.							■							■	Work Plan Committee	- committee reports - long-term planning guide
◆ Coordinate among all SERC Committees.																----->
◆ Prepare a long-term planning guide.																----->
2. To ensure that local emergency response and planning needs are expressed in the long-term strategy by June 30, 1990:							■							■	Work Plan Committee	- committee reports
◆ Establish mechanisms, such as work groups, to ensure that local and regional needs are met.																----->

ALASKA STATE EMERGENC. RESPONSE COMMISSION

EMERGING ISSUES MATRIX

Emerging Issues	Agencies and Authorities	Products	Current Status of Activity
Resolve inconsistencies in State regulations and statutes relating to emergency response for hazardous and toxic chemicals.	DEC SB 261 SB 264 AS 46.03.865 AS 46.04.080 AS 46.09.030	Emergency Response Authority/Plan/Funding	Under Development
	DMVA/ADES AS 26.23.040 AS 46.09.030	Emergency Response Authority/Plan	Guidelines being developed & implemented statewide
	DPS/DFP UFC Placarding Law	Storage/Reporting/Placarding of HazMat	Developing Implementation
	Municipalities AS 46.09.060	Emergency Response Authority	Anchorage & Fairbanks developing teams
	DOL/OSHA/EPA	Training Regulations	Regulations coming on line
	DOT/PF		
Secure consistent and appropriate levels of funding in order for the SERC/LEPC to carry out its mission(s)	None: Need to be Developed	Under Development: Adequate Funding Mechanism	DEC - 1 staff member DMVA/ADES - 1 staff member. SERC support thru DEC, ADES as interim. SERC subcommittee
	SB 261	DEC Funds	DEC Emergency Response Office under development.

Emerging Issues**Agencies and Authorities****Products****Current Status of Activity**

Promote a comprehensive and coordinated statewide hazardous chemical data management system.

DEC

None Yet - Should Develop: Data Base, Citizen & Responder Requests. Have access to 1 chemical database.

None Yet - Should Develop: Data Base, Computers MSDS/ Information Tier II

Fire Marshal/No Funding

Developing placarding database.

Under Development

ADES

Comprehensive Emergency Management System

BB-Planning/Training/ Responder Information Network initiated and refining.

Ensure coordinated and comprehensive training for all levels of an integrated hazardous chemical emergency management system.

DEC Chair of SERC (SARA Title III) SB 264

Requested 2 Training/Safety Officers

Under Development

DMVA/ADES Vice Chair of SERC (SARA Title III)

Statewide Uniform Training Standards

Being developed for implementation: HazMat Technician I standards drafted/being field evaluated prior to finalization. HazMat Team under development.

Executive Order 103

Established Alaska SERC

Implementing LEPCs/HazMat Plans

Fire Marshall

Requesting HazMat Trainer

Waiting for Approval

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Encourage Active Participation by citizens, LEPCs, the SERC, industry and other affected parties in the long-term implementation of Title III.

SARA Title III:
SERC/ADES

Informational Dissemination Program
* Written
Pamphlets, SERC Overview, LEPC Guidance Documents, etc.
* Oral
Workshops, Presentations, Local Government One-on-One

Ongoing - widening exposure:
* LEPC Guidebook
* LEPC Orientation
* SARA Title III Overview Pamphlet
* Ak. Municipal League Juneau, Nov 1989
* Local Government Emergency Planning Guidelines

SARA Title III:
SERC/DEC

* SERC Notebook

Under Development

Develop a regional emergency response approach to incidents involving hazardous chemicals.

DEC SB 264

Regional Response Team(s)

Establishing Emergency Response Office Headquarters in Anchorage

SB 261

State & Regional Prevention and Contingency Plans

Under Development

DMVA/ADES AS 26.23.040

Training/Emergency Response Planning

Regional Response Team Comprehensive Training Program for 1st responders under development.

Emerging Issues

Agencies and Authorities

Products

Current Status of Activity

Secure Military commitment to provide emergency response support during incidents involving hazardous and toxic chemicals.

DEC
Alaska RRT: EPA,
Coast Guard

DMVA/ADES

Military Commitment -
MOA

Working with Alaska Adjutant General for possible Solution.

Work thru the RRT rep to obtain commitment for assistance.

Working with local officials and adjacent local military base commanders on case-by-case basis; DOD letter to all base commanders to assist local/State authorities when able.

ALASKA STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

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The intent of this guide is to give an overall direction, and, although it contains no timeline, it is a fluid document subject to an annual review. The Commission welcomes your comments and can be contacted at:

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Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee

Goal 1: Ensure that the SERC meets the minimum requirements under SARA Title III.

Objective 3: Annually notify the EPA Administrator of facilities subject to Title III reporting requirements.

Objective 4: Maintain the community right-to-know data management plan.

Objective 5: Maintain procedures for reviewing and processing community right-to-know requests.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

LEPC Review Committee

Goal 1: Ensure that the SERC meets the minimum requirements under SARA Title III.

Objective 1: Maintain LEPDs/LEPCs to cover the entire state.

Objective 2: Review LEPC plans.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Public Awareness & Data Utilization Committee

Goal 2: Maintain the visibility of SARA Title III in Alaska.

Objective 1: Maintain an on-going system for information dissemination.

Objective 2: Annually evaluate the current public awareness system.

Objective 3: Market SARA Title III with an annual October 17 anniversary information campaign to update the public and industry, and to promote active participation at all levels.

Objective 4: Maintain mechanisms to give visibility to the SERC.

Objective 5: Maintain mechanisms to exchange SARA Title III information.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Training & Emergency Response Committee

Goal 4: Enhance Alaska's response capability to hazardous and other toxic substances incidents.

Objective 1: Maintain a regional emergency plan for incidents beyond first-responder capabilities.

Objective 2: Maintain personnel capability.

Objective 3: Update mutual-aid agreements with the military and between local government jurisdictions.

Objective 4: Maintain a comprehensive and consistent statewide emergency response protocol.

Legislation & Funding Committee

Goal 3: Maintain mechanisms to support the implementation of SARA Title III.

Objective 2: Ensure interagency coordination for implementation of SARA Title III at all levels of government (federal, state and local).

Objective 3: Ensure legislative and statutory consistency for emergency response to hazardous and other toxic substances.

Objective 4: Secure adequate funding for the SERC's mission.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

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- ◆ Training & Emergency Response
- ◆ Work Plan Committee

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Work Plan Committee

Goal 5: Maintain a long-term implementation strategy.

Objective 1: Maintain and annually update a long-term implementation plan.

Objective 2: Ensure that local emergency response and planning needs are recognized and met in the long-term strategy.

Objective 3: Ensure adequate resources to follow through with the strategy.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Work Plan Committee

Goal 3: Maintain mechanisms to support the implementation of SARA Title III.

Objective 1: To have in place guidance for SERC activities.

Objective 4: Secure adequate funding for implementation of the SERC's mission.

Objective 5: Ensure the availability of adequate SARA Title III information in Alaska and the efficient use of this information.