

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 01-22-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA PROVIDING
INPUT TO THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
(ADEC) ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS ON OIL DISCHARGE
PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLANS**

WHEREAS, as a result of the work of Alaska citizens and the Alaska Legislature following the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, Alaska has world-class spill prevention and response requirements to protect its people and environment, as well as commercial and sport fishing, aquaculture, recreation, tourism, subsistence, and cultural interests; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova submitted Resolution 02-20-05, in response to ADEC's public scoping seeking input on existing regulations and statutes, stating that the City stands strongly against any legislative or regulatory changes that erode oil spill prevention and response standards, increasing the risk of a catastrophic spill; and

WHEREAS, ADEC has proposed regulatory changes to oil pollution prevention regulations under Article 4 of 18 AAC 75, resulting from that public scoping process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes include a number of positive updates including increased clarity within regulations, combination of redundant sections, and use of technology in the interest of modernizing workflow; and

WHEREAS, there are several proposed changes that require additional revision to eliminate concerns that this reform effort could result in diminishment or other reductions in current regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska requests that Alaska regulations specify the minimum number of exercises required for crude oil plans be set at one significant Incident Management Team and two field deployment exercises each year, as well as other unannounced exercises as ADEC deems necessary, and that the commitment requiring additional exercises or other appropriate action if a plan holder fails to demonstrate the ability to implement their plan be retained; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska believes regulatory changes should not result in diminished emphasis on best available technology (BAT), including retaining the requirement that a BAT conference be held every five years or otherwise stating how they will examine new technologies to meet the mandates of AS 46.04.030 (e); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska notes that federal law and the Alaska Oil Spill Commission have recognized the special role of regional citizens advisory councils (RCACs) in reviewing contingency plans; and requests that Alaska regulations continue to name the RCACs for Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound as recipients required to be notified of plan reviews, updates, and amendments, electronically or otherwise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska supports the adoption of International Maritime Organization (IMO) standards for emergency towing arrangements, but requests the additional requirement that tankers calling at the Valdez Marine Terminal be able to deploy the arrangement from the forward (bow) position in 15 minutes.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY 2022



Cathy Sherman
Cathy Sherman, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk