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### Application Requirements for Alternative Planning Criteria and Interim Operating Authorization Requests in the Captain of the Port, Western Alaska Zone

Ref: (a) COMDT (CG-543) letter 16711 of 12 Aug 09/CG-543 Policy Letter 09-02

The application process for Alternative Planning Criteria (APC) is new to many in industry and the Coast Guard. I am promulgating this message to make the application requirements for APC and Interim Operating Authority (IOA) clearer. Currently, an industry led working group is developing APC standards for Western Alaska. Until these standards are finalized, I require at least the following minimum preventative measures in all APC requests in order to recommend the issuance of any associated IOA by Coast Guard Headquarters:

- \* Pre-boom for transfers (at least two times the length of the tank vessel)
- \* Slowing to minimal speed while maintaining positive steerage once inside the territorial seas extending 12 nautical miles from the baseline
- \* An approved contract or agreement (e.g. Letter of Intent) with an Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO) capable of cascading in equipment for meeting 72 hour planning requirements for worst case discharge must be in place
- \* An approved contract with a local OSRO for immediate response

All APC requests for the Captain of the Port, Western Alaska Zone and IOA applications to Coast Guard Headquarters should be submitted in accordance with reference (a), which can be found in the announcements section of Western Alaska's Coast Guard Homeport website (<http://homeport.uscg.mil/anchorage>). APC submissions should be emailed directly to [SectorAnchorageArrivals@uscg.mil](mailto:SectorAnchorageArrivals@uscg.mil). Please contact LTJG Jennifer Carty at (907) 271-6718 with any questions or concerns.

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