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## MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 02-14

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### Advance Notice of Transfer for Oil and Hazardous Material Transfer Operations in the Western Alaska Captain of the Port Zone

Ref: (a) Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 154-156  
(b) Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 153.40

This informational bulletin provides guidance to each facility in the Western Alaska Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone capable of transferring oil or hazardous materials, in bulk, to or from a vessel, where the vessel has a total bulk cargo capacity of 10,500 gallons (250 barrels) or more.

Notifying the Coast Guard in advance of each oil or hazardous material transfer operation is not required in the Western Alaska COTP Zone unless the facility has received a written notice from the Coast Guard mandating these notifications. Reasons the COTP may require a facility to submit an advance notice of transfer are listed in the regulation below:

*33 CFR 156.118: Advance notice of transfer.*

*(a) The COTP may require a facility operator to notify the COTP of the time and place of each transfer operation at least 4 hours before it begins for facilities that:*

- (1) Are mobile;*
- (2) Are in a remote location;*
- (3) Have a prior history of oil or hazardous material spills; or*
- (4) Conduct infrequent transfer operations.*

*Note: The notification may be accomplished by submitting a written schedule, periodically updated to be current.*

Notifications, when required, may be accomplished by email or phone call and must be made at least four hours before the transfer begins. Any facility operator not required to submit an advance notice of transfer may elect to do so. Facilities should direct notifications to:

- Sector Anchorage (907-428-4200, [WesternAlaskaFacilities@uscg.mil](mailto:WesternAlaskaFacilities@uscg.mil))
- Marine Safety Detachment Homer (907-235-3292, [D17-SG-A-MSDHomer-All@uscg.mil](mailto:D17-SG-A-MSDHomer-All@uscg.mil))
- Marine Safety Detachment Kodiak (907-486-5918, [msdkodiak@uscg.mil](mailto:msdkodiak@uscg.mil))
- Marine Safety Detachment Dutch Harbor (907-581-3466, [msddutchharbor@uscg.mil](mailto:msddutchharbor@uscg.mil))

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. L. Johnson".

S. L. JOHNSON  
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Prevention Department  
By Direction