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1-Call Alaska
Attn: Todd Duke
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Dear Mr. Duke:

The Coast Guard has reviewed amendments to the *1-Call Alaska Alternate Planning Criteria (APC) Program for Non-Tank Vessels Sailing in the Western Alaska (WAK) Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone* originally accepted on June 22, 2018. Amendments were received by the Western Alaska and Prince William Sound COTPs on October 05, 2023. In accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), § 155.1065, the Coast Guard accepts these amendments to the APC. This amended APC may be referenced in VRPs submitted for approval of applicable operating areas in WAK. This acceptance will not have an expiration date. Use of this amended APC does not guarantee VRP approval. Acceptance of your amended APC is contingent upon the following:

- a. This amended APC is not applicable to areas which meet NPC. Therefore, vessel owners/operators you represent are required to identify and contract with available resources to satisfy their vessel(s) national planning criteria for operations. Vessel owners/operators should consult with local stakeholders to determine availability and capability of resources when defining gaps in planning requirements for the vessels covered by the amended APC.
- b. Owners/Operators opting to use this amended APC shall comply with the *Non-Tank Vessel Masters Guide for Western Alaska APC Operating Procedures version 2.0*.
- c. Continue to reduce gaps in response capabilities through a detailed buildout plan with goals/milestones, which demonstrate progress towards compliance with the National Planning Criteria (NPC). The current APC only addresses build-out from 2018 and 2019.

In accordance with CG-MER Policy Letter 01-17 (Change 1) dated March 15, 2023, all VRPs must be reviewed annually under 33 CFR § 155.5070. APCs that form part of a VRP must be reviewed to satisfy this requirement and the review must be recorded in the VRPs record of changes. As APC Administrator, you are encouraged to ensure the alternatives employed by your APC are reviewed on your client's behalf. Failure to conduct annual reviews of this APC may result in its cancellation. If this occurs, the Coast Guard will provide written notice 30 days prior to cancellation.

The amended APC, along with a copy of this letter, must be kept with your respective client's VRP. Your clients must maintain compliance with all other laws and regulations, including maintaining valid contracts in support of the resources provided in the APC. Any deviation from the provisions of this amended APC must be communicated in writing to the Western Alaska COTP for consideration. If it is determined that complying with required national planning criteria is achievable in areas where this amended APC is accepted, use of this amended APC for VRP approval may be denied.

Please contact Mr. Chris Friese with any concerns or questions at Christopher.R.Friese@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

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