



JUNE 5, 2015

CIRCULAR NO. 27/15

TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

US VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS: WESTERN ALASKA: NEW ALTERNATIVE PLANNING CRITERIA: 1-CALL ALASKA

Members are referred to [Circular No. 13/15](#) of February 20, 2015 which informed Members that non-tank vessels in transit through Western Alaskan waters en-route to or from a US port are required to follow Alternative Planning Criteria (APC) in order to fulfil federal requirements.

In order to meet these APC requirements Members have, to date, been required to enrol with the sole provider of such services in Western Alaska, namely the Alaska Maritime Prevention and Response Network (AK-AMPRN).

Members are informed that National Response Corporation (NRC) and Resolve Marine Group have now received final approval from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for their Western Alaska APC, which focuses on the northern Pacific Great Circle route for non-tank Vessels transiting through the Aleutian Islands in Western Alaska. .

With this final approval from the USCG, NRC/Resolve is now providing non-tank vessel operators with their "1-Call Alaska" coverage for vessels transiting the Aleutian Islands Subarea of Western Alaska in compliance with OPA 90 regulations. Therefore, non-tank vessel operators now have a choice of APCs to follow for their non-tank vessels transiting Western Alaska.

Availability of the 1-Call Alaska coverage

Members are advised that, at present, the 1-Call Alaska cover only applies to non-tank vessels, although NRC/Resolve expects to receive final USCG approval to expand their APC coverage to tank vessels transiting the Aleutian Islands Subarea of Western Alaska in the near future.

NRC's existing clients can add coverage for their non-tank vessels transiting the "Great Circle" trading route in Western Alaska by signing the 1-Call Alaska Addendum to their existing OPA 90 contracts with NRC.

The 1-Call Alaska coverage is also available to Members who are not currently NRC clients for OPA 90 OSRO and dispersant compliance services, and who do not need US Federal OPA 90 services, by signing the 1-Call Alaska coverage short form contract along with the 1-Call Alaska Addendum.

1-Call Alaska Addendum

The 1-Call Alaska Addendum has been reviewed by the International Group and found to conform with the International Group's Guidelines on US Vessel Response Plans. Members who sign the Addendum do not therefore require additional cover.

The conforming Addendum, which is attached to this Circular, has the footer:

'NRC Covered Vessels Alaska APC – December 2014 – NT'

Fees

The 1-Call Alaska annual vessel fee structure is attached to this Circular.

These fees are payable by existing NRC clients, in addition to their NRC retainer fees, only when a vessel transits the 1-Call Alaska coverage area to or from a US port.

Members who are currently not NRC clients do not have to pay NRC retainer fees in order to obtain the 1-Call Alaska coverage but will be required to pay the charges set out in the 1-Call Alaska annual vessel fee structure. These charges will be payable only when a vessel transits the 1-Call Alaska coverage area.

The 1-Call Alaska website, as below, contains further information on the 1-Call Alaska coverage, together with copies of the documents referred to above:

<http://1CallAlaska.com>

Yours faithfully,



Joseph E. M. Hughes, Chairman & CEO
Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc., Managers for
THE AMERICAN CLUB

All Clubs in the International Group of P&I Clubs have issued similar circulars.



OPA'90 COMPLIANCE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE READINESS IN WESTERN ALASKA

**National Response Corporation (NRC)
Addendum to Provision of Response Resources Agreement for
1-CALL ALASKA COVERAGE**

**Annual Vessel Fee Schedule
Effective May 14, 2015**

Non-Tank Vessels :	1-Call Alaska Annual Vessel Fee (USD)
Non-Tank Vessels up to 2,500 bbls capacity	\$1,150
Non-Tank Vessels 2,501- 10,000 bbls capacity	\$2,100
Non-Tank Vessels 10,001- 25,000 bbls capacity	\$3,800
Non-Tank Vessels 25,001 - 49,999 bbls capacity	\$5,200
Non-Tank Vessels >50,000 bbls capacity and greater	\$5,700

Tank Vessels :	1-Call Alaska Annual Vessel Fee (USD)
Tank Vessels	\$7,125

* The annual one-time vessel fee provides OSRO compliance throughout the “1-Call Alaska” coverage area to meet oil spill response planning requirements as outlined in the USCG OSRO Classification Guidelines and USCG-approved Alternative Planning Criteria (APC).



Alaska Coverage Addendum

The Agreement for Provision of Response Resources (Agreement), between National Response Corporation (Provider) and _____ (Client), dated _____, is hereby amended as follows:

1. In accordance with the provisions and definitions set forth in the US Coast Guard (USCG) Pollution Prevention regulations in 33 CFR 155, Subpart J (nontank vessels), Provider shall maintain an OSRO classification for the USCG Captain of the Port (COTP) Western Alaska. Provider shall also maintain the resources listed in its USCG approved Alternative Planning Criteria (APC) known as "1-Call Alaska".
2. Provider shall make available to Client its Alaska OSRO classification and 1-Call Alaska certification approval letter for the Client's and /or its plan preparer's use in obtaining USCG Non-Tank Vessel Response Plan (NTVRP) approval for the Western Alaska COTP.
3. Client, on behalf of its vessels covered by this Agreement (Covered Vessels), shall permit the tracking of its Covered Vessels when operating in the Western Alaska COTP as required in the APC.
4. Client certifies that it has reviewed and is familiar with the Operating Procedures in the 1-Call Alaska APC and acknowledges compliance with the 1-Call Alaska APC Operating Procedures rests solely with the operator and vessel master. (Appendix A)
5. In the event of a spill or threatened spill, 1-Call Alaska may at the Client's request provide the initial Incident Commander (IC) on behalf of the Covered Vessel and spill management team until a formal transition occurs from the provider to the Client's designated Qualified Individual (QI). The IC will initiate response activities and direct reasonable response resources in the initial phase of the response to the spill or threat of a spill. The IC will liaise so far as practicable with the Client and the QI regarding the response and resource direction. Client authorizes and directs its QI to coordinate with the IC as soon as possible upon a report of a spill or threatened oil spill from the Covered Vessel.
6. Fees for the citation of the 1-Call Alaska program and oil spill response capabilities as described above (Covered Vessel Fees) shall be added to the Agreement for Provision of Response Resources, Basic Compensation.

Except as expressly amended or modified hereunder, all other terms of the Agreement shall remain in full force and in effect.

Acknowledged by:

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Name: _____
Position: _____
Date: _____

For and on behalf of Provider:
National Response Corporation (NRC)

Acknowledged by:

X

Name: _____
Position: _____
Date: _____

For and on behalf of Client:
