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Alaska Maritime Prevention and Response Network  
Attn: Mr. Buddy Custard, President  
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Dear Mr. Custard:

This letter documents the Coast Guard's acceptance of Alaska Maritime Prevention and Response Network's (The Network) Operating Procedures:

- Operating Procedures for Oil Tankers Transiting or Operating In Western Alaska Waters: WAK-APC-T (December 26, 2015; V3.1-12-15)
- Operating Procedures for Cargo and Passenger Non Tank Vessels Transiting and Operating in Alaska Waters: AK-APC-NTV (December 26, 2015; V6.1-12-15)
- Operating Procedures for Fishing, Towing and Offshore Supply Non Tank Vessels Transiting and Operating in Alaska Waters: AK-APC-NTV (April 18, 2016; V4-04-16)

The above Operating Procedures were submitted as supporting documents to The Network's existing Alternative Planning Criteria (APC) for Tank Vessels (APC for Oil Tankers – November 2012; Amended 2013) and Non-Tank Vessels (APC for Nontank Vessels – November 2013) and are now considered part of the affected APCs. The validity of The Network's APCs remains unchanged.

A copy of the applicable Network APC, the APC approval letter, the appropriate Operating Procedures and a copy of this letter, must be kept with and incorporated into applicable vessel response plans. A copy of this letter and the APC shall be maintained aboard each covered vessel.

Amendments to your APC or Operating Procedures may be required as a condition of future approvals. Any deviation from the provisions of The Network's APCs must be communicated in writing to Coast Guard Headquarters (CG-MER) via the affected Captain of the Port for separate consideration. Questions concerning this letter may be directed to my Vessel Response Plan staff at [vrp@uscg.mil](mailto:vrp@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Joseph B. Loring, written in a cursive style.

Joseph B. Loring  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Office of Marine Environmental Response Policy

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