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A SOUND PROTECTION SYSTEM

In the wake of the Prince William Sound oil spill last year, Alyeska has added and equipped a fleet of large, highly sophisticated escort vessels. The fleet's primary objective is to prevent future oil spills. If a spill does occur, despite prevention measures, the fleet will respond immediately and help minimize the spill and its potential effects.

To do so, each vessel is specifically designed and equipped for oil-spill prevention and emergency response. Each is also manned by crews specially trained in Prince William Sound.

Alyeska's Ship Escort/ Response Vessel System (SERVS)

SERVS comprises customized vessels and equipment strategically positioned in Valdez and other key locations in Prince William Sound.

work boat. Each ERV can also store over 130,000 gallons of recovered oil and water.

In addition to the escorts, several other SERVS vessels are on call in Prince William Sound, including: a DSV (Dynamic Skimming Vessel) capable of retrieving and storing 5.88 million gallons of oil and water; a lightering vessel, with a storage capacity of 7.56 million gallons; and a West Broom Response Vessel (WRV), with large-scale skimming capabilities. Five ship-assist tugs are also available for escort and response service.

Response & Resources

Alyeska has expanded its Prince William Sound spill prevention and initial response force to over 100 people, including vessel crews, oil spill specialists and support personnel — all highly trained for, and committed to, prevention and

ESCORT/RESPONSE VESSEL (ERV)



It includes six vessels, two tank barges, two integrated tug/barge units, and emergency spill containment and recovery equipment — all on-call 24 hours a day, and all alert and standing by whenever a laden tanker is in Prince William Sound.

All laden tankers leaving the Valdez Marine Terminal are escorted 60 miles through Prince William Sound by two SERVS vessels, at least one of which is a 210-foot ERV (Escort Response Vessel). Both travel within one-half mile of the tanker, giving its crew additional eyes and ears to help avoid danger. If the tanker should encounter power or navigation problems, the escort vessels are equipped to tow or otherwise assist it.

In preparation for spill response, each ERV carries 4,600 feet of containment boom, two portable surface skimmers, and a 20-foot

response work. Many have lived and worked in the area all their lives and are familiar with the waters of Prince William Sound. Local fishing boats are also available for spill response. Additional equipment stockpiles are also being planned for locations around the Sound.

A Job Well Done

The equipment, manpower, and strategies that Alyeska has added to Prince William Sound are intended to prevent a future catastrophe. Alyeska is ready to use the resources and means necessary to do a hard job well.

For more information, contact Corporate Affairs, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, 1835 S. Bragaw, Anchorage, Alaska 99512.

On The Job

Captain Tim Plummer and Eric Beckmann are key to Alyeska's SERVS unit.

As Manager of SERVS, Tim's responsibilities include managing the fleet and its over 100 people. He has 20 years of maritime experience, an Unlimited Masters License and a degree from the Maine Maritime Academy. Tim devotes his own time to the Prince William Sound Users Association as a board member,

and serves on the U.S. Coast Guard Chemical Transportation Advisory Commission.

Eric is a SERVS Vessel Supervisor. He has lived in Alaska for nearly 19 years, and has worked for Alyeska since June of 1989. Eric has his Masters License and is involved with the Seward Charter Boat Association.

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