



ALASKA INLAND AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN

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- Alaska's Oil Discharge and Hazardous Substance Release Response Framework
- Alaska Inland Area Contingency Plan Update
- Purpose of the plan and challenges
- References and Tools
- Overview of public review process
- Question & Answer Session

INTRODUCTION

- Introductions: Agency Planners and Webinar Participants
- AK Inland Area:
 - State and Federal Partners
 - AKI ACP area extent
 - Area Committee Participation
- Review of plan (It's never finished)
- Next update March 2020 Public Review

ALASKA'S RESPONSE FRAMEWORK FOR OIL DISCHARGES AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES

Prior to September 2018:

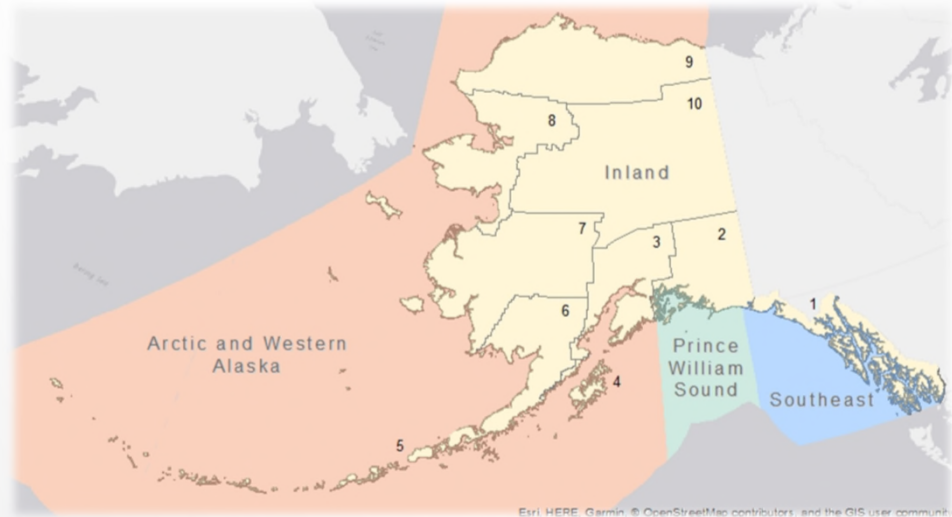
- Unified Plan (*Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil and Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases*)
- 10 Subarea Contingency Plans



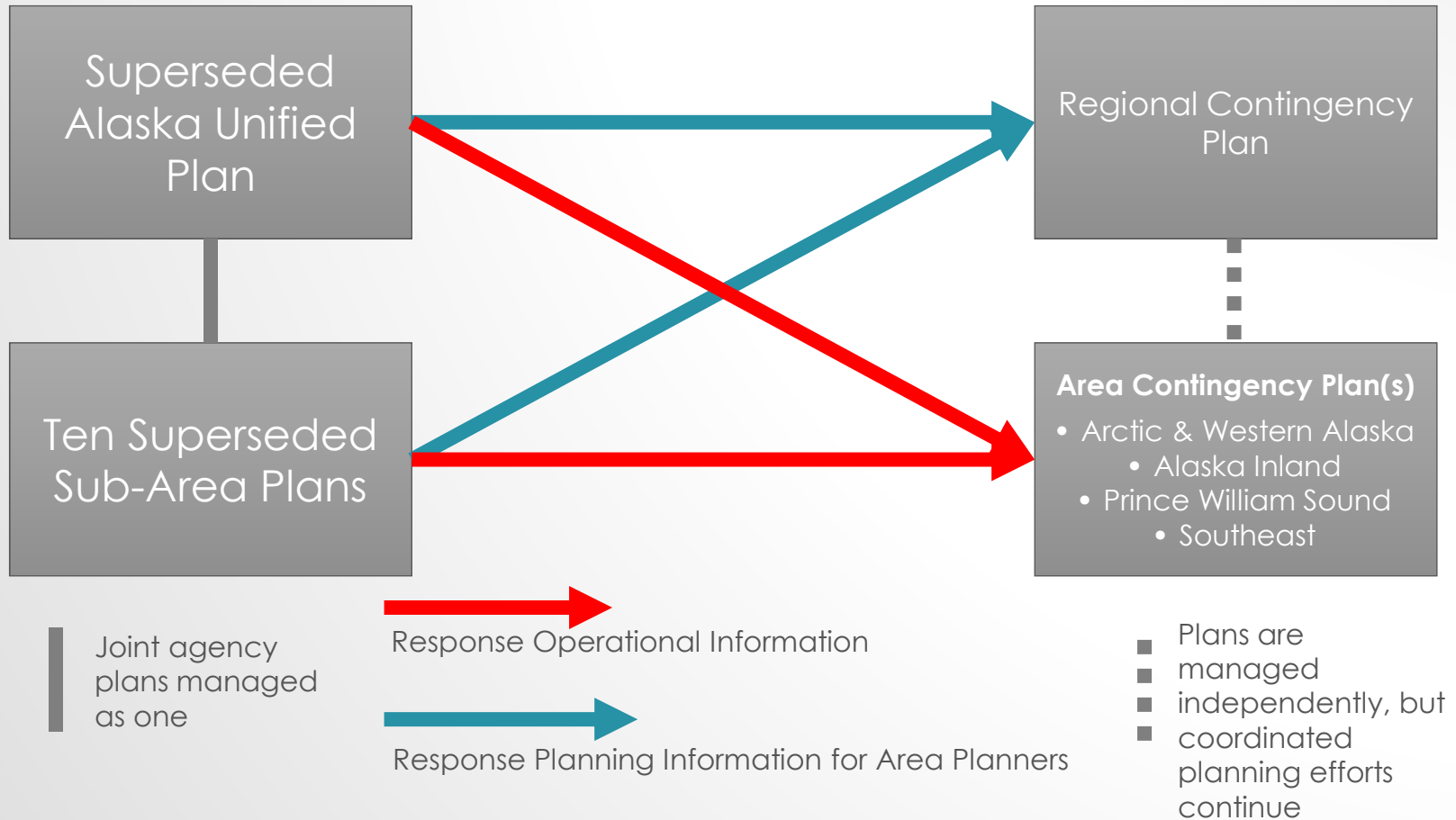
ALASKA'S RESPONSE FRAMEWORK FOR OIL DISCHARGES AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES

Post September 2018:

- 4 Area Contingency Plans
 - Arctic & Western Alaska
 - Inland
 - Prince William Sound
 - Southeast
- 10 Geographic Zones
- 1 Regional Contingency Plan
 - General Policy/Authorities
 - Dispersants
 - *In situ* Burning



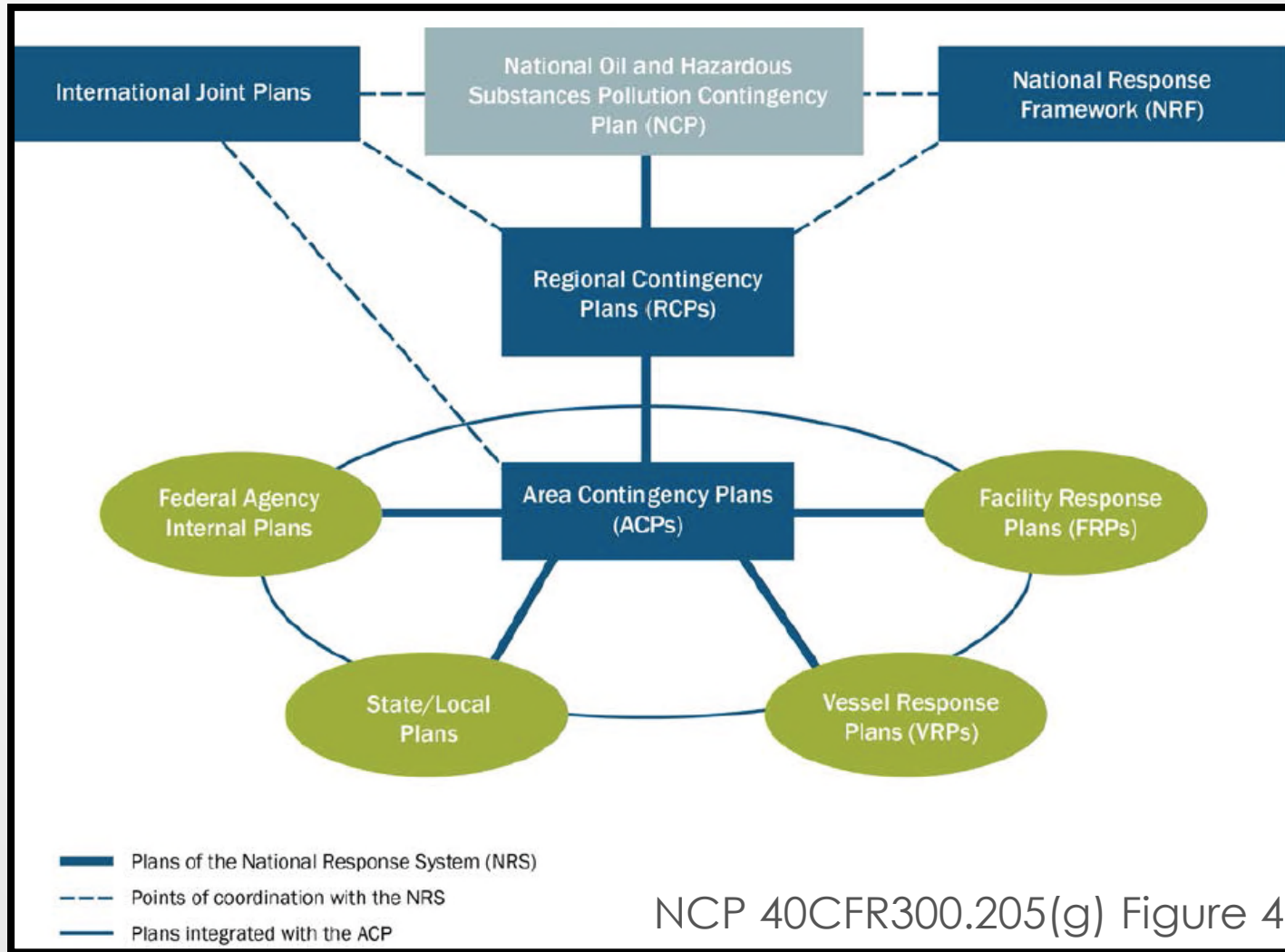
AREA PLANNING TRANSITION DIAGRAM



ALASKA'S RESPONSE FRAMEWORK FOR OIL DISCHARGES AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASES

- [September 2018 Alaska's Regional Contingency Plan](#) and [four \(4\) Area Contingency Plans](#)
- The RCP and ACPs meet requirements of the NCP and ADEC Statute, with additional guidance provided in:
 - [USCG Marine Environmental Response and Preparedness Manual](#)
 - EPA Area Contingency Planning Handbook
 - State of Alaska Statutes (AS)46.04.200, AS 46.04.210, and Administrative Order No.170

NCP FAMILY OF PLANS: ALASKA'S RESPONSE PLANS



NCP 40CFR300.205(g) Figure 4

PURPOSE OF THE AREA PLANS AND CHALLENGES

- Responder-friendly & operationally-focused
- Modernized for web-based resources and mobile access
- Optimizing available planning resources
- Sustainable plan management
 - Efficient hyperlink management
 - Focused efforts by statewide or area-sponsored subcommittees or workgroups
- Future Goal: ADA-Accessibility of Plan and websites;
- HTML plan format

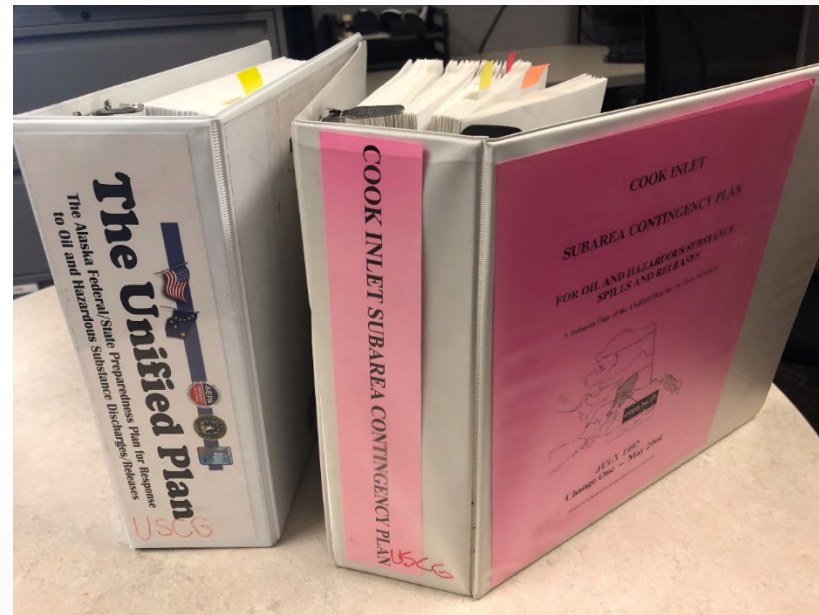


Image of superseded Unified Plan & Cook Inlet Subarea Plan
(Not shown: There are a total of 7 superseded subarea plans within the AWA Area)

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN AND UPDATE OF THE AK INLAND ACP

- Collaborative work to assure statewide federal/state alignment (as applicable) for all ACPs
- Regional policy/operational concepts recommended for permanent relocation to AK RCP
- Plan reviewed to ensure consistency, correct grammar and tense, remove repetitive language and concepts, improve readability, and ensure technical accuracy
- Focused plan content on position-specific operational guidance
 - Utilize web-based external references in place of ACP narrative, which was often redundant language from the source document
 - ~400 pages of stagnant and out-of-date community contact information replaced by DCRA's Alaska Community Database, which is annually updated

UPDATE OF THE ALASKA INLAND ACP -CHANGES SINCE SEPTEMBER 2018

- Technical edit
- Streamlined text. Reduced:
 - Wordiness
 - Duplications
 - Non-operational content
- Non-operational content moved to Job Aids and other References & Tools
- Parallels updates to Arctic and Western ACP – including comments received during Public Review
- Additional focus on Chapter 7000 Hazardous Substances

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REFERENCES AND TOOLS WEBPAGE

- Centralized location for ACP references and tools
 - Optimizes the use of hyperlinks used by 4 different ACPs
 - Allows single location for frequent update and maintenance of information and hyperlinks
 - Information on the References and Tools Page is not owned by any one Area Committee or ACP signatory agency
- AC-owned documents and resources are maintained on each Area's webpage

ADEC WEBPAGES

- [Regional and Area Contingency Plans](#)
- Public Review Page for AKI ACP Update(coming soon)
- [AKI ACP webpage](#)
 - Maps of Area
- [Area Plan References and Tools](#)
- Additional ADEC Informative Links
 - [Industry plans](#)
 - [DEC Disaster Response Plan](#)
 - [NCP](#)

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

- AKI ACP Public Review Page (to be created)
- Public Review Period
 - Proposed for February/March
 - Responses to written questions will be posted weekly in the FAQ document.
- Public Comment Instructions
 - Be substantive and specific with recommendations
- Comments must be written
 - Comment Matrix
 - All discussions during the webinar will NOT be considered as public comments for purposes of changes to the AKI ACP.
- Submit comment matrix to: decsparplanning@alaska.gov

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS USED BY AWA AC

The screenshot shows the DEC website interface. At the top left is the DEC logo and the text "Division of Spill Prevention and Response PREVENTION PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE". A search bar is located at the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with "INDEX BY TOPIC", "ABOUT PPR", "NEWSFEED", and "REPORT A SPILL". The main content area features the title "ARCTIC & WESTERN ALASKA AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN (AWA ACP) PUBLIC REVIEW" and a sub-header "The public review period is from August 23 to September 24, 2019." Below this is a detailed paragraph about the AWA ACP. To the right of the main text is a sidebar with two sections: "RESPONSE PLAN LINKS" and "AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN LINKS". The "RESPONSE PLAN LINKS" section includes links for "REGIONAL AND AREA PLANS", "PUBLIC REVIEW", "SUPERSEDED PLANS", "BACKGROUND INFORMATION", "NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN", "ALASKA REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM", and "DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN". The "AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN LINKS" section includes "REFERENCES AND TOOLS", "ARCTIC & WESTERN ALASKA", "ALASKA INLAND", "PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND", and "SOUTHEAST ALASKA". At the bottom of the page, there is a "DOCUMENTS AND LINKS" section with various links and a "SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION" section with a link to "Agency Response to Comment on the AWA ACP Version 2018 (PDF 228K)". A "For More Information" section at the very bottom provides the contact email "decsparring@alaska.gov".

Notice of Public Comment Period for Proposed Revision of the Arctic and Western Alaska Area Contingency Plan

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Coast Guard are seeking public input on the proposed revision of the AWA ACP Version 2018.1. The revised AWA ACP Version 2018.1 represents a coordinated and cooperative effort by government agency planners to provide information applicable to a pollution incident response within the Western Alaska Captain of the Port Zone. The public review period is from August 23 to September 24, 2019.

The plan is available for review on the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's website at:

<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/public-review/>.

You may comment on the draft plan by submitting written comments to: Clara Crosby, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, and by electronic mail at decsparring@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by access this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. The comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on September 24, 2019. Written comments received are public record subject to public inspection.

A webinar is scheduled on September 5, 2019 to provide an overview of changes to the ACP. The webinar will be held on 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A one page flyer, with instructions on participating in the webinar will be available at <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/public-review/awa-ACP-review/>. Any discussions during the webinar will NOT be considered as public comments for purposes of changes to the AWA ACP.

You may also submit written questions relevant to the proposed AWA ACP revision to DEC by electronic mail at decsparring@alaska.gov or by sending the questions to Clara Crosby, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501. The written questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Environmental Conservation will aggregate its response to similar questions and make the questions and response available at <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/public-review/awa-ACP-review/>. The Department of Environmental Conservation may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Theresa Zimmerman at (907) 465-6171 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 prior to September 6, 2019 to ensure that necessary accommodations can be provided.

After the public comment period ends, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and the U.S. Coast Guard will either adopt the proposed changes without further notice, or decide to take no action.

[Leave a Comment](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Comment Matrix Instructions	
This form provides stakeholders with a template for commenting on the draft version of the AWA ACP. For comments to be efficiently considered, reviewers are to consolidate their comments into the matrix provided. To ensure your comments are addressed, we ask that you do the following:	
1	Complete the information on the Comments Matrix including Name(s) and Organization. Organizations with multiple commenters may submit forms for each commenter or consolidate one matrix for the organization. If desired, contact information may be submitted in the event that clarification is needed by agencies during the comment resolution phase.
2	Use the Excel form provided in the "Comment Matrix" Tab of this workbook. The use of the form provides multiple agencies the ability to consider and address comments received in an efficient and timely manner.
3	Enter each comment on a separate row providing all of the requested information. Requested information includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Numbered Comment ▪ Name ▪ Organization ▪ Section # ▪ Page # ▪ Line # ▪ Specific Wording Change or Comment ▪ Rationale for Recommended Change If there is a reference or supporting documentation, please cite it.
4	Be specific and clear about what you want to be considered for change in the existing text. Reviewers are encouraged to submit comments and proposed language revisions that begin with an action verb.
5	Provide a rationale for the recommended change; be clear about why it should be changed.
6	Email your completed comment matrix to decsparplanning@alaska.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

No.	Point of Contact	Organization/ Commenter	Section #	Page #	Line #	Specific Wording Change	Rationale for Recommended Change
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AKI ACP UPDATE Public review period dates:
proposed for February/March 2020

NEXT AREA COMMITTEE AND ARRT MEETINGS:

- Prince William Sound Area Committee, March 17, 2020 Cordova, AK
- Arctic Western Alaska Area Committee, April 13, 2020 Fairbanks, AK
- Southeast Alaska, August 20, 2020
- Alaska Regional Response Team, September 14, 2020, Valdez, AK