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Mr. Steiner-

This information is in response to your January 5 request to Commissioner Hartig regarding the towing system for the *Aiviq*.

Attached in PDF format are pages from the Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan approved for the *Aiviq* and *Nanuq* for operations in Alaska waters as tank vessels. This C-plan was submitted because they wanted the flexibility of using the vessels carrying oil as cargo (e.g. transporting fuel from Dutch Harbor to other support vessels in the drilling arena, etc.)

Tank vessel plans require information about towing equipment on the vessels for its rescue (18 AAC 75.027(f)) but, because most tank vessels aren't towing vessels or anchor handlers, we do not address in the C-plans anything about towing capabilities of the vessels themselves.

Therefore, the department does not have any information or detail in the C-plan regarding the *Aiviq's* towing capabilities, towing winches, tow lines, or associated equipment. We did not conduct, require information about, or review any information pertaining to sea trials.

The attached pages are: 1) cover page, "Nautical Ventures, LLC Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan – September 2011"; 2) Page 70, "The procedures and arrangements for emergency towing"; 3) Page 208, General description of the Offshore Supply Vessel/ Oil Spill Response Vessel AIVIQ"; 4) Page 209, "Vessel Arrangement Plans (AIVIQ)" and; 5) "Upper Deck Plans (AIVIQ)".

No desk top exercises have been conducted in regards to the C-plan at this time.

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Jan 5 (3 days ago)

to Lawrence

Dear Commissioner Hartig,

I've just been told that the Unified Command is not releasing the information I have requested re: the Aiviq's towing system, in particular its winch.

Thus, under the auspices of the Alaska Public Records Act, I hereby request all documents regarding the towing system on the Aiviq, including specifications of its towing winch, tow lines, and all associated equipment.

I also request a copy of all testing that has been done on the towing system, including any sea trials, and desk top exercises. I request a full waiver of any fees, as this request is solely in interest of public information regarding the Kulluk grounding.

Thanks, and I look forward to the prompt disclosure of this important information.