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SUBJECT: Comments on Hilcorp Alaska (HAK) Cook Inlet Exploration Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan, Major Amendment (Plan # 12-CP-5216)

Dear Mr. Evans:

Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC) submits these comments, recommendations on behalf of our member entities. Our comments address the Hilcorp Alaska (HAK) Cook Inlet Exploration Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan, Major Amendment (Plan # 12-CP-5216), Revision 1. The mission of the Cook Inlet RCAC is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet.

The proposed amendment includes salient information appropriate to this proposed, significant expansion of drilling activity along the eastern side of Cook Inlet. Our initial comments suggested improvements to the plan, many of which were included in the State's RFAI. However, one request that was not included was the addition of Cook Inlet RCAC to Hilcorp's external notification matrix. While there is no requirement to include Cook Inlet RCAC on the list of entities to be notified of a spill; spill notification is an important element to accomplish our OPA 90 mandate to monitor response activities. It is also essential for Cook Inlet RCAC to notify potentially affected stakeholders.

Cook Inlet RCAC requests a recommendation for Hilcorp to include Cook Inlet RCAC in their Spill Reporting Matrix. Additionally, we request a findings document to be supplied at the end of this plan review.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached at (907) 283-7222 or via email at [MikeMunger@circac.org](mailto:MikeMunger@circac.org).

Sincerely,

FOR  
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