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Cook Inlet Maritime Risk Assessment Advisory Panel to Meet

The Advisory Panel of the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment (CIRA) project will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 23, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Chesloknu Conference Room of the Dimond Center Hotel, 700 East Dimond Boulevard, in Anchorage, Alaska.

The primary agenda item for this public meeting is the presentation of the **Spill Baseline and Causality Study Report** by the project contractors, The Glosten Associates, with Environmental Research Consulting. This Study is Task 4 of the Cook Inlet Maritime Risk Assessment project. A review of Action Items will also take place, and the Advisory Panel's next meeting will be set as well.

The Glosten Associates, in collaboration with Environmental Research Consulting, have prepared the draft **Spill Baseline and Causality Study Report** for the Cook Inlet Maritime Risk Assessment Project (CIRA). The study builds from the Vessel Traffic Study that was completed in February 2012. The intent of the Spill Baseline and Causality Study is to:

- Estimate the spill frequency, and project spill size distribution, by vessel type
- Develop an oil spill baseline over the 10-year study period, based on projected movements of oil and the estimated average spill rate
- Characterize spills from high-risk accidents, and
- Provide accident scenarios based on the five most dominant accident types

The draft report and comment form are available on the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment project website: <http://www.cookinletriskassessment.com>. The Advisory Panel, Management Team and public are encouraged to review and provide comments to the Project Manager using the form linked on the CIRA website, or via email to cira.comments@nukaresearch.com, by April 27th.

Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council is the Federally-mandated citizens' organization, formed under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90). Its Mission is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet. We engage in environmental research and monitoring, and oil spill prevention and contingency planning. For more information about this announcement, or the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council and its programs, contact:

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