

## Washington Department of Ecology Issues Full Oil Spill Contingency Plan Approval to NRC

### Description

#### For Immediate Release

**Olympia, WA & Great River, NY** – The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and NRC jointly announced that WDOE has issued full approval to NRC's Washington State oil spill contingency plan.

ECOLOGY issued its five-year approval through December 27, 2018 pursuant to Washington State Administrative Code Section 173-182. Although approved for vessel coverage commencing November 1, 2013, with the close of the final 30-day public comment period, the NRC Washington Plan has now been issued its formal approval letter by ECOLOGY.

Steve Candito, NRC CEO commented, "NRC is pleased to be the first and currently the only fully approved Primary Response Contractor and Plan Holder pursuant to ECOLOGY's most recent regulations. We thank ECOLOGY and its personnel for their diligence during the plan review process. NRC is particularly proud of its ability to meet ECOLOGY's very stringent requirements in all geographic areas including Grays Harbor."

Dale Jensen Washington Department of Ecology, Spill Prevention, Preparedness & Response Program Manager, stated "ECOLOGY welcomes NRC as its newest plan holder. We appreciate the resources that NRC has committed to support the protection of the Washington State environment. Since NRC is the only plan holder approved for Grays Harbor, NRC encourages vessel owners to consider their services for both its fully approved oil spill contingency plan and primary response contractor services."

#### About Washington State Department of Ecology:

The mission of the Department of Ecology is to protect, preserve and enhance Washington's environment, and promote the wise management of our air, land and water for the benefit of current and future generations.

#### About NRC:

NRC is the leading commercial provider of United States Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and various related State regulatory compliance services. NRC is also a global provider of diversified environmental, industrial, and emergency response solutions. Headquartered in Great River, NY, with regional offices throughout the U.S. and internationally, NRC has approximately 800 employees.

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