



SERVS' Mission:

To maintain a constant state of readiness to assist tankers in the safe navigation through Prince William Sound and to provide oil spill response services to the TAPS Marine oil shippers, Valdez Marine Terminal and the pipeline in accordance with oil spill response agreements and plans.



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Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's Ship Escort/Response Vessel System (SERVS) provides world-class escort services to the tankers that transit the waters of Prince William Sound. SERVS also has comprehensive protection and oil spill recovery strategies to safeguard the waters of the Sound.

Shortly after the Exxon Valdez ran aground, the federal government and the state of Alaska passed oil spill laws that called for increased response capability in Prince William Sound. Two of the primary regulatory drivers were the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and the state of Alaska's House Bill 567. The response planning

standard called for oil spill cleanup equipment capable of recovering 300,000 barrels in 72 hours. Alyeska leadership, working with the shippers that transport Alaska oil to the U.S. west coast, developed response plans and tools to address this new requirement. As the plan evolved, SERVS became the cornerstone of oil spill prevention and response in the Sound.

SERVS' primary role is prevention and ship escort. Two SERVS tugboats – each with 10,200 hp – escort every laden tanker through the Sound. One tug tethers to the tanker, from the Valdez Marine Terminal, through the Valdez Narrows, to Bligh Reef. Tugboats maintain

a minimum distance of a quarter-mile during escorts, keeping tankers within visual sight and response range. Five of SERVS' tugs have cutting-edge tugboat technology, specifically designed for the demands of the Sound.

SERVS practices various oil spill response strategies, using response equipment throughout the Sound; training more than 300 employees and contractors; and also training more than 900 fishermen from Southcentral to respond to oil spill incidents.

SERVS is at the forefront of prevention and response for United States marine crude oil transportation, providing a first line of defense for the waters of Prince William Sound.



Primary Assets

- 11 Escort & Response Tugs
- 9 Oil Recovery Barges
- 108 Skimming Units
- 49 Miles of Various Boom
- 5 Hatchery Protection Sites
- 5 Response Centers
- 350+ Vessels Participating in Fishing/Vessel Program

SERVS Capability

- Ability to recover 300,000 barrels of oil in 72 hours
- On-water storage capacity of 900,000+ barrels of oil
- 2 state-of-the-art tug escorts for every laden tanker transiting the waters of Prince William Sound

