

There are not sufficient oil spill response capabilities available to satisfy the national response planning standards in the remote geographic areas of American Samoa in the Honolulu COTP Zone. Existing capabilities are verified on a regular basis by the USCG to determine whether APC will still be required. The result has been the issuance and extension of APC approvals for twelve (12) months at a time. Therefore, vessels (tank/nontank) calling, operating or transiting within 200 nm (US Exclusive Economic Zone - EEZ) of American Samoa when bound to or departing from a port or place in the US must submit Alternate Planning Criteria (APC). This APC must be pre-approved by the USCG. Vessel owner/operators may enroll in an existing approved APC or submit their own for approval. 1) Is your vessel calling American Samoa or 2) transiting the Honolulu COTP Zone around American Samoa when bound to or departing from a port or place in the US? **APC** YES ☐ NO ☐ If YES then you require APC and must follow this checklist (see below). if **NO** then your vessel is on *innocent passage* and this checklist does *NOT* apply. The USCG issued O'Brien's an approval for APC submitted January 28, 2014. This approved APC means that O'Brien's plan holders who have vessels operating in American Samoa can obtain USCG VRP/NTVRP authorization for those operations without undue delay. The following actions are required for compliance with federal (USCG) requirements when operating in American Samoa for both TANK and NONTANK vessels: Obtain a contract with the following local Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO): 1 UPDATED SOLAR Inc (solar684@gmail.com) +1 684 699 8706 Provide a copy of the executed contract to your assigned O'Brien's Client Specialist for submission to USCG HQ. 2 This will allow us to request USCG HQ update and re-issue your Approval/IOA with authorization for American Samoa. Maintain a copy of the O'Brien's approved APC Authorization Letter and APC Approval Letter on board the vessel with the VRP/NTVRP: **Nontank APC Approval** 3 **Tank APC Approval** UPDATED Approvals currently extended through December 31, 2018. Ensure the vessel Master strictly adheres to the *Prevention Measures* listed on page 2 of the approved APC (see below) when operating in American Samoa. TANK & To operate in American Samoa under the O'Brien's APC vessels' must strictly adhere to the following prevention (risk reduction) measures: Operate at a slower speed, at the discretion of the master, when within 12 nm of the shoreline or any area where there are hazards to navigation. 2 Call port during daylight hours only. 3 Employ a minimum two tug escort. 4 Pre-boom the vessel while in port. 5 Engage a standby tug in the immediate location of the transfer operations. Limit fuel oil/crude oil/product transfer operations to daylight hours only and seas < 3 ft. **OTHER** To operate in American Samoa under the O'Brien's APC vessels' must strictly adhere to the following prevention (risk reduction) measures: NONTANK VESSELS Operate at a slower speed, at the discretion of the master, when within 12 nm of the shoreline or any area where there are hazards to navigation. 2 Call port during daylight hours only. Employ a minimum two tug escort. 3 Exception: fishing and passenger vessels with < 30,000 gallons fuel capacity. 4 Pre-stage boom during fuel oil transfer operations.