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Dear Mr. Pegau,

I began work as a Summer Intern with UMIAQ Response Group on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. This position was established by UMIAQ as a direct result of a grant provided by the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute (OSRI). I would like to summarize some of the unique experiences I have had and to express my sincere appreciation for this opportunity.

As a senior at the University of Alaska Anchorage studying civil engineering with a minor in mathematics, my work with UMIAQ has exposed me to the technology and challenges of oil spill response in the Arctic region. UMIAQ, a subsidiary of Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (UIC), the Native Village Corporation of Barrow, manages the North Slope (NS) Village Response Team (VRT), which is made up of trained and qualified personnel from NS communities and villages. UMIAQ also works closely with Shell Exploration to provide support for future exploration drilling in Alaska's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Working with UIC UMIAQ provided me with the opportunity to meet with response-related entities including Shell Exploration (Shell), Alaska Clean Seas (ACS), Elastec, and Olgoonik Corporation (a federally recognized Alaska Native Corporation). I provided logistical support for VRT training and participated in the relocation of a "state of the art" skimmer package that included power packs, fuel tanks, boom reels, and the TransRec 150. Project-related experience included assisting with the planning and logistics for a major NS gas drilling project that will provide the primary source of fuel for the community of Barrow. UMIAQ also provided 24-hour Hazwoper training in which I took advantage of. A highlight of my experiences with UMIAQ included the opportunity to travel to the remote Village of Wainwright- a coastal community along Alaska's Arctic Ocean, where I helped maintain oil spill response equipment and vessels for Shell.

The information I have learned during this internship has and will help me further my education and career. Thank you again for the opportunity to work for such a great company and learn about Alaska's future in oil spill response. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about this internship. I look forward to continuing my knowledge in the oil spill response industry.

Sincerely,

Jacob Tracy