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For the last thirty years the Oil Spill contingency and prevention programs have been a success. In that time equipment, techniques and implementation have improved and for good reason. Many folks that reside in the immediate vicinity of the Exxon Valdez oil spill have an interest and participate in the oil spill response program because of one reason. That reason is, it is in everyones interest to make sure the oil stays out of the water. Oil spills devastate the environment and local economies. Preparing to respond to a spill is a constant reminder for everyone of the cost of complacency. It is far cheaper to prevent spills than to clean them up. The current regime is working, we need to remain vigilant. AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE