UAA Professional Development Seminar Series

Chemistry for Contingency Planning: Managing Invasive Pest and Oil Spills in the Subarctic

Presented by Patrick Tomco

High-latitude regions experience unique contaminant exposure scenarios when compared to temperate regions, due to long, cold, dark winters. Permitting and response decisions in Alaska are typically extrapolations from research findings conducted in lower latitudes, where contaminant attenuation, fate/transport, and toxicological effects can vary from those experienced here. This talk will highlight several recent research studies on this topic that are useful for contingency planning, including pesticide persistence and oil spill toxicity.

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