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ATC wins safety award (5/27)

SIU-contracted Alaska Tanker Company (ATC) has won a prestigious safety award issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

U.S. Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Rear Admiral Thomas H. Gilmour, this week announced that ATC earned the 2004 William M. Benkert Environmental Award. ATC won â€œgold levelâ€• recognition in the â€œlarge business vesselâ€• category.

The award will be presented in late June in San Diego.

â€œThis award has been earned by the men and women of ATC,â€• stated Alaska Tanker Company President Anil Mathur. â€œI am proud to lead this team that harmoniously brings together helping provide energy for Americans and caring for our environment.â€•

According to the agency, the William M. Benkert Award â€œis the premier national award that recognizes excellence in marine environmental protection. The evaluation process is competitive; standards are rigorous and demanding. This award was created to recognize vessel and facilities operators who have implemented outstanding marine environmental protection programs â€œ programs that far exceed mere compliance with industrial and regulatory standards.â€•

The award is named in honor of Rear Admiral William M. Benkert (1923-1989), a distinguished Coast Guard officer widely known for his leadership and vision in marine environmental protection.

ATC, based in Beaverton, Ore., operates a fleet of eight SIU-crewed tankers. The Coast Guard, in announcing the award, credited the company with maintaining â€œwell-defined environmental policies and objectives with outstanding measurement tools. The company established performance contracts between owners, management, senior officers and the shipâ€™s crew. These performance contracts identified clear and specific goals, measured trends and/or areas for improvement that allowed ATC to identify mitigation strategies to produce positive results. Each year, the specific goals and objectives of these contracts are set at a higher standard than the year before. During 2002 and 2003 ATC transported approximately 311 million barrels of crude oil with less than 2.2 gallons of oil being spilled in the environment.â€•

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