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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, November 23 has an actuality on tests to combat oil spills. It follows a lead in.

The U.S. Coast Guard is conducting a series of field tests in Alaska to evaluate the effectiveness of oil spill containment and recovery devices in ice-clogged and near-freezing waters.

Coast Guard Commander Garret Bush comments on the program, which is scheduled to end December 13.

"The objectives of this Arctic test are threefold. To identify device concepts which are effective in combatting oil spills in cold climates. And to lay the foundation for the developments of new techniques and devices for an improved response capabilities. Lastly we would like to increase the competency of the Coast Guard National Strike Force, which is responsible for responding to marine oil spills."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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