# RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES IN THE ARCTIC 2015

A MARINE BOARD FOCUS SESSION



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# **ISSUES AND QUESTIONS**

- Preparedness/Existing Emergency Response Capability
  - Polar Code obligations met?
  - Organic response capability
  - Gaps in preparedness and response identified
- Lessons learned from exercises, accidents and spills
  - DHS Center of Excellence cruise ship grounding exercise
  - Lessons from Selendang Ayu and Kulluk
- Relationships With Neighboring Arctic Nations
  - Canada sharing resources
  - Russia
  - Learning lessons from other Arctic Nations
- Infrastructure
  - Highest priority investment needs
  - Current plans



# RELATED MARINE BOARD/NAS STUDIES

- Responding to Oil Spills in Arctic Marine Environments (2014)
- Safe Navigation in the U.S. Arctic: A Workshop (2012)
- Risk of Vessel Accidents and Spills in the Aleutian Islands: Designing a Comprehensive Risk Assessment (2009)
- Polar Icebreakers in a Changing World: An Assessment of U.S. Needs (2007)



# **NEXT STEPS**

- How can the Marine Board help today?
- What technical areas need exploring?
- Are there policy issues that the Marine Board/ National Academies can help inform?

