As one of the state’s premier environmental services companies, Emerald Alaska is highly regarded for its consistent expertise, responsiveness, safety, and service. In November 2014, the firm underwent one of the most significant changes in its fourteen-year history; it was acquired by National Response Corporation (NRC).

Today, the company bears a new name: NRC Alaska LLC dba Emerald Alaska. Emerald Alaska has been a leading provider of environmental and emergency response solutions to all industries in Alaska. Based in Anchorage, the company employs more than one hundred employees across seven facilities strategically situated throughout Alaska.

NRC is a leading commercial provider of United States Oil Pollution Act of 1990 regulatory compliance services, as well as a global supplier of remediation, industrial, and emergency response solutions. With headquarters in Great River, New York, NRC has regional offices across the United States and internationally. It has annual revenues exceeding $240 million and more than one thousand people worldwide.

NRC has continued to expand its geographic presence in recent years, and the addition of Emerald Alaska adds a strategic region to its domestic footprint, according to Steve Candito, chief executive officer of NRC. “We believe the combination of NRC’s extensive capabilities and Emerald Alaska’s quality personnel, well-located facilities, and proven track record makes for a strong strategic fit,” Candito said. “We are very happy to welcome the Emerald Alaska team and look forward to growing NRC’s business in Alaska.”

Blake Hillis, president of Emerald Alaska, said: “Emerald Alaska has built an excellent reputation as a high quality provider of environmental solutions throughout the state of Alaska. We are excited about moving forward as part of NRC and believe the combination of NRC and Emerald Alaska will enable us to continue to support and expand our services to our customers throughout the state. NRC’s suite of services perfectly complements the work Emerald Alaska does, and I am confident that this will make both companies stronger.”

In short, the recent transition reflects Emerald Alaska’s continued commitment to provide the highest quality services to the Alaska community, as well as NRC’s expanded capability to offer international resources and expertise to the Alaska market.

Although NRC Alaska/Emerald Alaska now operates under a different name, some things will remain the same. For instance, the company will continue capitalizing on the strength of experienced, local staff—many of whom have lived in Alaska for thirty-plus years and fully understand the challenges faced by Alaska customers. NRC/Emerald will also keep listening to its customers and adapting services to meet their needs.

In addition, NRC/Emerald will continue providing superior recycling and environmental services—bolstered by the global resources of its parent company. The company will be focusing on providing an array of environmental and industrial services, ranging from used oil and petroleum by-product recovery to spill response and clean up, including the transportation and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes for industrial, marine, automotive, and government clients.

“It will be the same company that people have come to rely on for years,” Hillis said. “Regardless of the name, we’re still going to provide the same high quality services to this marketplace.”