

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Gambell Drinking Water Well

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 09389927801

LEDGER CODE: Not yet assigned

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: time and date has yet to be determined

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: October 7, 2009 4:00 PM

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: October 9, 2009 12:00 PM

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Petroleum Product, unknown volume

LOCATION: Gambell, Alaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: unknown

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): unknown

RESPONSE ACTION: The Gambell Water Plant Operator reported that he had noticed a small wet spot near the door way to the city well that he thought may be gasoline. The well house had an odor of gasoline and the water in the well had a sheen. It is unknown at this time if the sheen on the water was a petroleum hydrocarbon or a naturally occurring organic sheen. The ADEC Division of Water Quality, Village Safe Water Program and the ADEC Division of Environmental Health, Drinking Water Program has been working with the City Water Plant Operator. The entire drinking water system has been shut down. The current objective is to determine if the water in the well and holding tanks is contaminated. An ADEC Spill Responder has been dispatched to Gambell to assess the site for petroleum releases.

SOURCE CONTROL: No source has been identified. An empty one gallon can that had contained gasoline was found near the City of Gambell drinking water well. It has not yet been determined if the gasoline can is the source of the petroleum found in the well house.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The City of Gambell drinking water well and storage tanks

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Determine if the water in the well and storage tanks is contaminated. Evaluate the area around the well for a possible fuel release.

WEATHER: Patchy fog, temp 35 – 45 degrees, winds 20 – 40 mph

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Bryant Koonooka

S.O.S.C. : Tom DeRuyter

Field S.O.S.C.: Brian Jackson

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Wes Ghormley 451-2164

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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Governor's Office (Fairbanks)	Parnell/Campbell	Fax		451-2920	451-2858
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