



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

SITUATION REPORT



Nome State Office Building Fuel Release

SITREP # 1

SPILL #: 15389931801

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 10:00 a.m. on November 17, 2015.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): State of Alaska Department of Administration (DOA)

INCIDENT LOCATION: State Office Building in Nome, Alaska

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: November 14, 2015 at approximately 4:00 p.m.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: ADF&G personnel noted the smell of fuel at the Nome State Office Building. ADOT&PF building maintenance staff in Nome assisted and discovered that fuel was released to the concrete floor of the boiler room inside the building.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The initial estimate is 200-300 gallons of home heating oil (#1 Fuel Oil).

CAUSE OF SPILL: Failure of a fuel filter gasket, located between the building's day tank and its above ground storage tank.

SOURCE CONTROL: Source control was established at 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 2015.

RESPONSE ACTION: The ADOT&PF maintenance staff shut off the fuel to the day tank to control the source. The responsible party's facility manager and three construction contractors arrived in Nome on November 16, 2015 and are assessing the situation. The concrete floor has three floor drains that lead to the city sewer system. It is unknown at this time if any fuel entered those drains. The presence of fuel has been located in a crawl space underneath the concrete floor. DOA are in the process of hiring a third party response contractor to initiate required cleanup actions.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The Nome State Office Building has been closed, and workers will find alternative workspace for the duration of the cleanup. It is unknown at this time if any groundwater, wildlife or other resources have been affected.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC has requested that a third party contractor be hired to develop an assessment, safety and cleanup plan. ADEC will work with the contractor and the DOA in developing and approving those plans.

WEATHER: Today: A mix of clouds and sun. Highs around 8°F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph. **Tomorrow:** Mostly cloudy with gusty winds developing during the afternoon. Highs around 8°F. Winds from the ENE at 20 to 30 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident commander: Gareth Jones, DOA
 SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC
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TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: As the situation warrants.

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http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_active.htm

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