



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

***SITUATION REPORT***



**MP164.4 Richardson Hwy Tanker Rollover**

**SITREP # 1**

**SPILL #:** 17309900902

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 3:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Colville Transport, LLC (Colville).

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Milepost 164.4 Richardson Hwy, approximately 5 miles south of Meiers Lake and 20 miles south of Paxson (Lat/Long: 62.743672, -145.443281).

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The incident occurred at 3:15pm on January 9, 2017. Colville reported the spill to ADEC at 4:00pm on January 9, 2017.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The spilled product is ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD). Based on a gauging of the lightered product on January 10, 2017, Colville estimates that the spill volume is approximately 4,000 gallons. Colville reported, and onsite ADEC personnel confirmed, that one compartment of the main/lead trailer was breached and its content released. The two remaining compartments of the main/lead trailer remained intact, as well as the 5,000gal capacity pup trailer that only released a small volume from a vent tube.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** A tractor-trailer departed the roadway (exact cause to be determined), rolled over, and an unknown object along the ditch line punctured the affected compartment of the main/lead trailer.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Was achieved at 3:00am on January 10, 2017 by removing all of the fuel from the two trailers and the tractor.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Colville, SAC, LLC, and National Response Corporation Alaska, LLC responders worked through the night to obtain source control and recover any free product along the ditch line. Heavy equipment is being mobilized to the site for removal of affected snow, vegetation, and soil. ADEC has responders onsite to monitor the cleanup actions and delineate the affected area.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The delineation effort is in progress, but a known resource affected to date is a 4-to-6 foot by 175 foot area of soil and vegetation along ADOT&PF right-of-way within land owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). No surface water is present within one mile from the spill site. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife, although caribou is currently migrating through the area and measures will be taken to prevent any adverse impact.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Colville and ADEC responders will remain onsite until the heavily saturated material (soil, snow, & vegetation) has been removed and the affected area is fully delineated. ADEC will continue to monitor the response actions and review plans being developed to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of humans as well as other potential receptors in the area. An investigation is being

conducted by the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Commercial Vehicle and Enforcement to identify the cause of the spill.

**WEATHER:** Today: Sunny; highs around -4°F; winds light and variable. Tomorrow: sunshine and some clouds; highs around -5°F; winds light and variable.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Eric Helzer, Colville  
SOSC: Ashley Adamczak, ADEC  
Field SOSC: Paul Lhotka, ADEC

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** As conditions warrant.

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Spill site looking south on January 10, 2017. (Photo: ADEC)

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