



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Spill Prevention and Response**  
**Prevention Preparedness and Response Program**  
***SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)***

## **Tesoro Ocean Dock Terminal Tank Overfill**



**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 17239932201

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 4:00 p.m. November 19, 2017

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Tesoro Logistics, LP

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 1076 Ocean Dock Road, Anchorage, Alaska

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 9:11 p.m. November 18, 2017

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** While Tank 1001 was receiving fuel from the tanker *Island Express*, Tesoro personnel noticed fuel overflowing from the tank rim vent, which is located at the top of the tank. Tesoro personnel immediately notified the tanker crew to shut down the transfer operation. Tesoro notified the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) at 10:18 p.m. and the National Response Center at 10:27 p.m. on the same day.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The spilled product is JP-4 jet fuel. Tesoro reported that the fuel overflowed from the Ocean Dock Petroleum Terminal Tank 1001, which has a capacity of 105,138 barrels (4.4 million gallons). Tesoro estimates approximately 340 barrels (14,280 gallons) of Jet fuel was released into the secondary containment area. No fuel escaped the secondary containment area.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Tank level sending unit and auto gauge for Tank 1001 was sending incorrect data to the tank level display, misinforming the Tesoro operator about the actual tank level. This caused the actual level to be higher than what was being read, resulting in tank overfill.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The fuel transfer operation was immediately shut down and some fuel from Tank 1001 was transferred to adjacent Tank 1003 to bring down the fuel level in Tank 1001. The storm water valve was closed at the time of the incident; therefore, all fuel released were captured within the lined secondary containment area.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The vessel to facility fuel transfer operation was immediately shut down when the spill was discovered. Tesoro activated a spill response contractor to recover free product from the secondary containment area. The free product recovery operation was carried out throughout the night. As of noon today, approximately 15,000 gallons oil/water mixture have been recovered.

ADEC staff conducted a site visit today to assess cleanup efforts.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** The Tesoro Ocean Dock Terminal is located in the Port of Anchorage and Tank 1001 is approximately 560 feet from the waters of Cook Inlet; however, all spilled product was captured within the lined secondary containment area.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Tesoro will continue free product recovery efforts. Tesoro is developing a cleanup plan for ADEC’s review and approval. ADEC will continue to monitor the response actions.

**WEATHER:** Today: Snow accumulation around 2 inches; highs in the lower to mid 20°F; northeast wind 10 to 15 miles per hour (mph) except east 10 to 25 mph along Turnagain arm and higher elevations. Tonight: Mostly cloudy; lows 5°F to 15°F above; variable wind 10 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Scott Rosin, Tesoro Logistics, LP  
SOSC: Geoff Merrell, ADEC

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** As the situation warrants.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Young Ha, ADEC (907) 269-7544



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