

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Moose Creek School Bus Accident

**SITREP#:** 1<sup>st</sup> and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** To be determined

**LEDGER CODE:** None

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 9:30 AM 10/8/03

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 1:00 PM 10/8/03

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** None

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** 70 gallons of diesel fuel. Smaller amounts of antifreeze, motor oil, and transmission fluid were also released.

**LOCATION:** Railroad crossing on the Richardson Highway turn off in Moose Creek

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Traffic accident. A semi trailer truck hit a school bus at a railroad crossing. The school bus did not have passengers on-board at the time of the accident. The school bus driver was taken to the hospital and released. The driver of the truck was not hurt. The saddle tanks of the truck ruptured and released approximately 70 gallons of fuel. Unknown but smaller quantities of motor oil, antifreeze and transmission fluid were also released from both the bus and the truck.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Pacific Alaska Forwarders, and Laidlaw Inc.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The Alaska State Troopers (AST) responded to the accident notification and secured the area. The AST called out the North Star Fire Department due to the threat of fire from the leaking fuel oil. The Fire Department notified the Fairbanks North Star Borough Hazmat Team and ADEC. The North Star Fire Department remained on the site until the vehicles were both removed. When it was determined that the truck was not hauling fuel as cargo the Fairbanks North Star Borough Hazmat Team was stood down. Working with the ADEC response personnel, Pacific Alaska Forwarders dispatched workers with a response kit to remove the remaining free product and start removal actions of the contaminated soil.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** None, the truck saddle tank emptied on to the ground.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Road surface and road ditch.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Any remaining free product will be picked up with sorbents. Contaminated soil will be excavated and thermally remediated.

**WEATHER:** Temp: low to mid 30's, cloudy, patchy fog.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander ..... Kevin Harvey, Assistant Fire Chief  
F.O.S.C. .... None assigned.  
S.O.S.C. .... Tom DeRuyter  
Field S.O.S.C. .... Toivo Luick

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Toivo Luick, 451-2102

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

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ADNR	Leon Lynch/ Gary Schultz	Fax		451-2724/ 451-2732	451-2751
ADF&G	Al Ott/Jack Winters	Fax		459-7285 or 459-7279	456-3091
Attorney General Office	Cam Leonard/ Mary Lundquist	Fax		451-2811/451-2914	451-2985
<b>HAZMAT Incidents</b>					
Fairbanks North Star Borough-HAZMAT	Tim Biggane	Fax		459-1219	459-1499
<b>Legislature</b>					
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Legislator (House 8)	David Guttenberg(D)	Fax	Fairbanks	465-4457 or (800) 928-4457	465-3519
Legislator (House 9)	Jim Holm (R)	Fax	Fairbanks	465-3466	465-2937
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Legislator (House 7)	Hugh "Bud" Fate (R)	Fax	Fairbanks	465-4976	465-3883
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Fairbanks North Star Borough	Rhonda Boyles	Fax	Mayor	459-1304	459-1102
City of Fairbanks	Steve Thompson	Fax	Mayor	459-6793	459-6710
City of Fairbanks	Warren Cummins	Fax	Chief (fire/police)	459-6500 x 6604	459-6804
City of Fairbanks	James Welch	Fax	Deputy Chief (fire/police)	459-6500 x 6512	452-1588
City of North Pole	Jeff Jacobsen	Fax	Mayor	488-2281	488-3002
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Alaska Intertribal Council	Donna Goldsmith	Fax		563-9334	563-9337
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Pete Wallace	Fax		452-8251 x 3433	459-3989