

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: City of Unalaska Home Heating Oil

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04259903401

LEDGER CODE: N/A

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The starting time of the spill is unknown. The City of Unalaska reported that they discovered the leak on February 3, 2004 at 9:40 AM and reported it to ADEC on February 3, 2004 at 10:00 AM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM, February 3, 2004

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: #1 Home Heating Oil. The City of Unalaska's initial estimate is that about 500 gallons were discharged.

LOCATION: Public Works Building, City of Unalaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: Heating oil was observed leaking from the vent of the city's 1,000 gallon home heating oil tank. It appears that the return line to the wash bay heater became plugged. The exact cause is under investigation.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): The City of Unalaska

RESPONSE ACTION: The City of Unalaska has contracted with Magone Marine of Dutch Harbor which is en-route with personnel and equipment. ADEC has a Local Response Agreement with the city and has spill response equipment stationed at Dutch Harbor.

Sorbents have been deployed around Shop Creek where the storm drain empties into it. USCG personnel on scene report that only a small amount of sheen has been discharged from the storm drain. Most of the spilled oil appears to be contained in the storm drain's oil water separators.

SOURCE CONTROL: The furnace was shut down and leak secured. The storm drain leading from the area has two oil water separators which have contained most of the spilled oil.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The overflow from the home heating oil tank ran into a storm drain which flows into Shop Creek which flows into Unalaska Lake. The spill has not reached Unalaska Lake and efforts are being made to prevent oil from entering the lake. The head of the lake is a fresh water marsh supporting both bird and juvenile fish populations. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has dispatched a biologist from their Dutch Harbor office to assess the situation. The U.S. Coast Guard advises that Unalaska Lake is a source of subsistence foods.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC will monitor the situation via the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment, City of Unalaska, and ADF&G. Plans are to construct a box around the discharge of the storm drain to provide a quiet area to recover the small amounts of sheen being discharged. This will reduce the need to deploy sorbents along Shop Creek and subsequent trampling of the wetlands.

WEATHER: As of 11:36 AM the weather at Dutch harbor is as follows: Winds Calm; Visibility 5 miles, Overcast, .02 inches of rain in the past hours, Temperature 37° F, Dew Point 37° F, Relative Humidity 100%

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Dave Kemp, City Manger, City of Unalaska
 F.O.S.C. Captain Morris, USCG Marine Safety Office, Anchorage
 S.O.S.C. Gary Folley ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Harry Young, ADEC (907) 269-7542

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
USCG-MSO/ANC	Captain Morris	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
USEPA	Matt Carr/Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
ADF&G	Wayne Dozell/Mark Fink	Email		267-2338	267-2464
ADNR	Sam Means	Email		269-8546	269-8913
USCG MSD/DH	LCDR Woodley	Fax		581-3466	581-3468
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via	Session/Interim	Telephone	Facsimile
Unalaska P-W	Dave Kemp	Fax		581-1260	581-2187
DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback			581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Pam Fitch	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
House 38/Unalaska	Carl Moses		Anchorage 5/16 - 1/09	269-0275	269-0274
			Juneau 1/10 - 5/15	465-4451	465-3445
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Map of Unalaska showing spill location and Unalaska Lake

