

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Pelican Seafoods Day Tank

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04119907102

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill was discovered at about 8:00 A.M. on March 12, 2004 and reported to the department at 10:30 A.M., March 12, 2004 by Pelican Seafoods.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:30 P.M., March 12, 2004

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Pelican Seafoods estimates approximately 750 gallons of diesel fuel.

LOCATION: Pelican Seafoods facility in Pelican, north of Sitka.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Open valves in the gravity-feed supply line to a day tank caused the spill. The cause for the valves being open is under investigation.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Pelican Seafoods Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: Pelican Seafoods staff discovered the spill at a day tank located at the processing facility and which is adjacent to the boardwalk, which serves as the roadway in Pelican. The day tank is within 20 feet of the high intertidal zone. The oil overflowed the day tank and escaped the secondary containment through an open drain valve almost immediately contacting the intertidal zone and saltwater. An assessment of the situation by Pelican Seafoods staff found that the oil had been carried away from the town and down Lisianski Inlet by the outgoing tidal current and winds, leaving no oil sheens in the water either under the boardwalk or in the boat harbor. As of the time of this report, Pelican Seafoods reports no recoverable oil in the water or on the beach surface.

Pelican Seafoods will set boom around the area where the oil from the day tank hit the beach. This action will be taken to capture any oil that is in the cobble beach subsurface that refloats on the incoming tide. ADEC contacted the USCG Marine Safety Office Juneau to coordinate information sharing and form a joint on-scene response. Response personnel from ADEC and the USCG are underway to Pelican via a chartered floatplane.

SOURCE CONTROL: The supply line valve was secured immediately after discovery of the spill.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters of Lisianski Inlet. No reports of oiled wildlife have been received.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Boom will be set out this afternoon to contain and collect any oil in the beach cobble which refloats on the high tide. The cause of the spill will be investigated and Pelican Seafoods will be advised to take any preventive measures or changes in fuel transfer procedures which the investigation indicates would have prevented this spill.

WEATHER: Rain, low clouds, temperature around 40. Forecast: rain and snow showers likely. Little or no snow accumulation. Highs around 39. Southwest winds 0 to 15 mph. Saturday's forecast: rain and snow likely. No snow accumulation expected. Highs around 41. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Mr. Tom Whitmarsh (Pelican Seafoods)
 F.O.S.C.: Cdr. John Sifling (USCG)
 S.O.S.C.: Mr. Bob Mattson (ADEC)
 Field S.O.S.C.: Les Leatherberry (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Mattson, ADEC at 465-5349. Photographs and other spill information will be available for viewing at <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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ADF&G Sitka	Phil Mooney	Email	phil_mooney@fishgame.state.ak.us	747-2683	747-6239
ADF&G	Mark Fink	Email	Sent via Spill Report Group	267-2338	267-2464
ADNR	Doug Sanvik	Email	Sent via Spill Report Group	465-3513	586-2954
ADPS	Alaska State Troopers	Fax		428-7009	428-7204
USCG (MSO Juneau)	CDR John Sifling	Email	jsifling@cgalaska.uscg.mil	463-2453	463-2445
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Figure 1. Pelican, showing location of the Pelican Seafoods processing facility.