

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 #: 2 and final

SPILL NUMBER: 04119907202

LEDGER CODE: 14952360

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: 11:00 A.M., March 17, 2004

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Pelican Seafoods has reviewed their records and other information and has revised their original estimate of approximately 750 gallons of diesel fuel. Pelican Seafoods now estimates that the total amount spilled is somewhere between 300 and 750 gallons, most likely closer to 300 gallons. An estimated 100 gallons did not escape the containment area.

LOCATION: Pelican Seafoods facility in Pelican, which is located north of Sitka.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Open valves in the gravity-feed supply line to a day tank and an open drain valve in the tank's secondary containment caused the spill. During interviews of the personnel involved, it was determined that the fuel shutoff valves in the fuel line had not been secured per the written procedures manual.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Pelican Seafoods Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: On March 12, 2004, ADEC and USCG personnel traveled to the site to assess the situation. On the flight into Pelican, sheen estimated at up to 100 gallons of oil was observed off-shore in Lisianski Inlet.

Upon arrival at the Pelican Seafoods cold storage facility, ADEC and USCG personnel interviewed the staff and examined the spill area. There was very little oil observed in the water with the exception of the area in the immediate vicinity of the cold storage building. Pelican Seafoods and City of Pelican personnel had deployed containment boom and a rope mop skimmer to collect oil in the water. This containment and passive recovery technique is also expected to collect oil from the impacted shoreline that may re-float during the incoming tide. Pelican Seafoods personnel were advised to reconfigure the boom to cover only the area impacted by the spill and to leave it in place until no further oil leaches from the shore.

ADEC and U.S. Coast Guard personnel inspected the containment system around the tank that was the source of the spill. Approximately 100 gallons of fuel remained in the containment and has been recovered. The piping and valve systems for the fuel lines were also examined.

Departing from Pelican, the aircraft flew the shoreline of Lisianski Inlet to look for indications that oil had impacted any other areas of shoreline. No additional impacts were noted in this survey.

Since March 13th, the beach has continued to sheen within the containment boom, most notably on the outgoing tide, however, no significant volume of recoverable product has been observed. Some sheening outside of the containment boom occurred on Saturday, March 13th but since that date no sheening has been observed outside of the containment boom. Pelican Seafoods recovered a total of 110 gallons of oil to date, most of which had been trapped in the day tank's secondary containment area.

Pelican Seafoods continues to tend the containment boom and sorbent pads within the boom.

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

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters of Lisianski Inlet and the shoreline adjacent to the Pelican Seafoods Facility. No reports of oiled wildlife have been received.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The boom is to be monitored and any re-floated oil is to be recovered. This procedure will continue until all oil trapped in the cobble beach and rock has been re-floated and no further oil is released. Contaminated soils, recovered fuel, and waste disposal plans shall be reviewed by the ADEC case manager.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers mixed with rain at times. Southwest winds to 15 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)
ADEC Case Manager: 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>

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Photo 1. Containment boom around the Pelican Seafoods Plant. USCG Photo.



Photo 2. Diesel pooled in the containment area. ADEC Photo.