

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Nautilus Seafoods - Ammonia Release **SITREP #:** 1 and final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 04229922101

**LEDGER CODE:** Not Requested

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 1:38 AM, August 8, 2004. The spill was reported to DEC by the Valdez Fire Department at 2:00 AM on August 8, 2004.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 11:00 AM., August 9, 2004

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Less than 5 Pounds of Anhydrous Ammonia, as estimated by Nautilus Foods staff.

**LOCATION:** Nautilus Foods, Valdez, AK

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The valves on the inner cooler oil drain were left in a slightly open position releasing compressor oil and a small amount of liquid ammonia. Nautilus staff is investigating the cause of the incident.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Nautilus Foods, Valdez AK.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Valdez Fire Department was called from the USCG Cutter Sycamore reporting a strong ammonia odor coming from the Nautilus Foods Plant in Valdez. Valdez Hazmat members responded and located a hose running from the plant's inner cooler to a 5 gallon bucket normally used to collect compressor oil, which also contained several inches of ammonia. The bucket was placed into a small over-pack container for future disposal by the Nautilus plant.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The valves from the inner cooler were secured.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The building was evacuated and areas immediately around the building were cleared to allow ventilation of the building.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The valves from the inner cooler have been secured with locks to prevent accidental discharge in the future.

**WEATHER:** Partly cloudy, sunny, with very light intermittent breezes.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: George Edge, Nautilus Foods (Chief of Refrigeration)  
F.O.S.C. : Commander Mark Swanson (USCG MSO Valdez)  
S.O.S.C. : John Brown (ADEC)

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