

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Askinuk Tank Farm

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04279925201

LEDGER CODE: 14136060

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Night of September 8 and morning of September 9, 2004. The Askinuk Corporation reported the spill at 9:44 AM on September 10th to ADEC in Juneau.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:30 PM, September 11, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM, Monday September 13, 2004.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: 1,000 to 1,500 gallons of unleaded gasoline were reported spilled into the tank farm's secondary containment area. Based upon a reported pumping rate of ten to twenty gallons per minute and a twelve to fourteen hour period during which the pump ran; the volume of the spill could be much higher. The initial volume of fuel in the bulk tank and remaining volume (if any) are unknown at this time preventing a more accurate determination of the volume spilled.

LOCATION: Askinuk Corporation Tank Farm, Village of Scammon Bay, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Unleaded gasoline was being pumped from a bulk fuel tank into a 3,000 gallon compartment of a 6,000 gallon split day tank (3,000 gallons gasoline, 3,000 gallon diesel). The operator left the fuel transfer pump on overnight.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Askinuk Corporation.

RESPONSE ACTION: The ADEC State On-Scene Coordinator (SOSC) has determined that an imminent and substantial threat to human life, public health or welfare or to the environment is presented by this gasoline spill and has authorized the access of funds from the State's Oil and Hazardous Substances Release Prevention and Response Fund (Response Fund) to respond to this spill. An ADEC responder has traveled to Scammon Bay along with four emergency responders, pumping and safety equipment from Emerald Alaska, Inc. who has been contracted by ADEC to respond to this incident. Efforts to identify resources within the village of Scammon Bay to accomplish this task were unsuccessful.

Tank farm personnel have warned villagers to stay away from the tank farm.

SOURCE CONTROL: The transfer pump was shut down.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The spilled gasoline is reportedly contained within the tank farm's secondary containment system however the large volume of highly volatile liquid poses a serious fire and explosion hazard to the village. Gasoline vapors are known to be harmful to humans. Gasoline is highly toxic to marine plants and animals.

Winds were reported blowing the vapors away from the village reducing the immediate risks associated with the inhalation of gasoline vapors and the risk of these vapors reaching a source of ignition. Should the containment area become breached, the wetlands surrounding the village could be impacted.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC staff will manage the cleanup of the spill and oversee their contractor.

WEATHER: Winds out of the North (010) at 10 knots, Clouds at 3,700' broken, 54 degrees F (Scammon Bay AWOS).

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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