

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Nautilus Seafood Ammonia Release **SITREP #:** 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 05229904401

LEDGER CODE: N/A

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The release was discovered at 3:07 pm on March 13, 2005 and the troopers notified ADEC at 4:02 pm.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 pm March 14, 2005

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Anhydrous Ammonia, the actual amount released is estimated by the ADEC responder to be less than a gallon (approx. 5 pounds)

LOCATION: Nautilus Seafood, Valdez

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the release is under investigation.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Nautilus Seafood

RESPONSE ACTION: A passerby noticed an odor of ammonia and reported it to the Valdez Fire Department. The Valdez Hazmat Team and local ADEC representative responded to the site. Upon entry to the building an apparent source was located. The apparent source was a valve near the ammonia refrigeration supply tanks which was found to be partially open and venting trace gas to the atmosphere.

SOURCE CONTROL: The valve found to be partially open was closed and the building was ventilated. There was a slight breeze from the west to the east and a steady drizzle of mixed snow and rain during the incident. This helped in dissipating the ammonia gas.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The Valdez Fire Department was unable to reach any representatives of Nautilus Seafood and since the state ferry M/V Tustumena was expected to arrive at 8:30 pm it was decided to enter the building and attempt to locate the source. Once the source was located and controlled, the ferry was allowed to dock and offload passengers. The Valdez Hazmat team, ADEC responder, and Valdez Police Department remained onsite to monitor gas levels and facilitate an uneventful ferry stop.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: A Nautilus representative arrived from Wasilla on Monday and is inspecting the ammonia system. The Valdez Hazmat team has requested a written report from Nautilus Seafood.

WEATHER: 32°F, very slight breeze out of the west, steady drizzle of mixed rain and snow.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: George Keeney, Chief Valdez Fire Dept.
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