

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Fort Wainwright Hangar 6

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 06309918004

LEDGER CODE: Not requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill date is unknown. The Fort Wainwright Department of Public Works was notified of the discovery at approximately 12:00 PM on June 29, 2006. The DEC Northern Area Response Team was notified on June 29, 2006 at approximately 2:30 PM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM, Monday August 7, 2006

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The type or quantity of the spill is not yet determined.

LOCATION: Hangar 6, Montgomery Road, Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: Unknown. It is suspected that this is a historic contamination.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Fort Wainwright, US Army

RESPONSE ACTION: Construction of a new/replacement hangar for Hangar 6 was underway when several workers became ill. Work at this site was halted on June 30, 2006.

On June 29, 2006 one employee of Bristol Construction became ill after operating a piece of heavy equipment that disturbed the soil, and was taken to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. The next day, three additional employees experienced nausea and dizziness and were also taken to the hospital. A total of 21 people have complained of symptoms related to this site. Two employees are arranging travel to Seattle to see a toxicologist/industrial hygienist.

To date, no industrial or chemical warfare materials and/or by-products have been found. Extensive sampling has only yielded moderate levels of Gasoline Range Organics (GRO).

Additional sampling is tentatively scheduled for August 10-11, 2006. Results are expected back August 15-18, 2006. Sampling will include "real-time" air monitoring and soil sampling while attempting to duplicate the situation under which the first employee became ill. The sampling will be conducted by North Wind, Inc., a contractor hired by Fort Wainwright.

SOURCE CONTROL: The area in question is covered by a 6' x 6' piece of visqueen. Montgomery Road is closed within 150 feet of the construction.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Soil/gravel near the Hangar 6 replacement project.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Conduct further sampling at the site in an attempt to discern the contaminant resulting in worker illness. Fort Wainwright will be holding public meetings next week.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy, 59 degrees F with calm winds.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Mike Meeks, Director of Public Works, US Army Fort Wainwright
F.O.S.C.: Matt Carr, EPA
S.O.S.C.: Ed Meggert, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Stark (ADEC) 451-2175 or Lynda Douglass (US Army) 353-6701

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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