

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Sand Point Abandoned Drum Site **SITREP #:** 1

SPILL NUMBER: 07259904601 **LEDGER CODE:** None

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The exact time and date of the releases is unknown, the situation was reported to ADEC on February 15, 2007 at 12:00 P.M. by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 09:00 A.M. July 6, 2007

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: There are approximately 580 drums identified by ADEC staff on an earlier visit at the site. The specific content of the drums is unknown; however, it is likely to be used-oil, water, and antifreeze from vehicles, marine vessels, and equipment maintenance activities. Some drums are actively leaking and pooled oil is evident in one of the drum storage cells. There is significant surface staining in each of the four storage cells. Two of the secondary containment storage cells are lined, but the liner is only marginally effective. There is evidence that oil has leached into the ground when it overflowed the secondary containment. In the other two storage cells the drums are placed directly on the ground.

LOCATION: Sand Point, Alaska in an old rock quarry between the airport and town.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Drums have been accumulating at the site for up to 10 years. Some drums have leaked as a result of the drum's decaying integrity and other drums have ruptured when the contents froze from ice expansion.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): The parties who generated the waste and deposited the drums are currently unknown. The drums are thought to be the result of marine vessel maintenance, heavy equipment maintenance, and vehicle maintenance. The land is owned by Shumagin Corporation and the quarry has been operated by the City of Sand Point.

RESPONSE ACTION: The EPA, ADEC, the City of Sand Point, the Unga, Qagun Tayagungin, Pauloff Harbor tribes and Shumagin Corporation are coordinating their efforts to clean up this site. Those efforts will include: characterize the contents of the spilled oil, characterize the contents of the drums, clean up the spilled oil and contaminated water, dispose of the contents of the drums, and clean up the soil at the site. A Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) is currently in draft form and will be implemented when analytical samples are collected to provide direction for handling of the contents of the drums. One ADEC responder will be traveling to the site on July 6, 2007 to assist in containing and recovering the free floating oil in the secondary containment and begin characterizing the contents of the drums.

SOURCE CONTROL: None, drums identified which are leaking will be characterized first and pumped out into other approved containers.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Soil and groundwater may be affected. The city's drinking water source is within a mile of the site.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Additional ADEC personnel will be traveling to the site in early August with response equipment to continue to characterize the drums which are not leaking. ADEC personnel will assist with the consolidation of the drums whose waste is not regulated by EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). After ADEC personnel complete the initial characterization the local tribes will use EPA Indian General Assistance Program funds to implement the QAPP and workplan for the site. Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Training (HAZWOPER) is also planned for local workers later this summer to ensure 29CFR 1910.120 requirements are met.

WEATHER: Cloudy with scattered showers, areas of fog, highs in the mid 50s, light winds.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Paul Day, City of Sand Point
 F.O.S.C. : Matt Carr, EPA
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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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Sand Point Drums Site
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