

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Sterling Gravel Pit Vehicle Fluids

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL NUMBER:** 08239912601

**LEDGER CODE:** requested

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** On Monday, May 5, 2008, ADEC received a report from Al Self, of vehicles collecting at a gravel pit in Sterling, some of which were leaking various fluids.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 11:30 AM, May 13, 2007.

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** An undetermined amount of vehicle fluids including glycol, engine lube oil, transmission oil, brake fluids, hydraulic fluids and differential lubrication.

**LOCATION:** Chumley's Gravel Pit, Sterling

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The cause was reportedly due to human error. Vehicles that had not been drained of fluids were compressed into piles of vehicles that were free of fluids. This caused damage to parts of vehicles where fluids are held, causing leakage.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Ronald Smith, Peninsula Scrap and Salvage

**RESPONSE ACTIONS:** On Monday, May 5, 2008, an ADEC responder met the owner Mr. Chumley, at the site and surveyed the site. Mr. Chumley had leased the pit to Mr. Smith to collect vagrant cars from the peninsula for crushing and bailing. Mr. Smith had assured Mr. Chumley that no pollution events would occur during the lease and should anything happen, Mr. Smith would get it cleaned up. Subsequently that same day, the ADEC responder met with Mr. Smith and produced photos of the site and instructed Mr. Smith to begin cleaning up the surface contamination that was visible.

On Tuesday, May 6, 2008, the ADEC responder met workers from Mr. Smith's business and directed them on the cleanup of the visible staining around the pit. Contaminated soils were shoveled up into drums for future remediation.

On Wednesday, May 8, 2008, the ADEC responder met Mr. Chumley and Mr. Smith at the site, presented Mr. Smith with a State Interest Letter and stressed the need to aggressively collect spilled fluids and develop a plan for moving cars and draining them in a clean manner for processing, and then assess what further spills may be beneath the stacked vehicles.

On Thursday, May 9, 2008 the ADEC responder received a letter from Mr. Smith indicating that he could have a pit liner on site with a lift station for draining fluids by May 15, 2008. Vehicles would then be stacked on a pit liner for processing and cleanup of any spills found under the cars would commence.

On Friday, May 9, 2008, the ADEC responder met at the site with Mr. Chumley and Mr. Self, a complainant, to survey the site and discuss the plans for getting this situation under control. Mr. Smith again sent workers out to collect stained soil in the pit area.

On Monday, May 12, 2008 the ADEC responder fielded calls from concerned citizen and met with Mr. Smith at his office. More cleanup is taking place at the site and the ADEC responder insisted that a liner be procured as soon as possible to begin the removal of vehicles and continue cleanup. Mr. Smith expected the liner to arrive that evening or in the morning of May 13, 2008. At that time the liner will be deployed

and vehicles will begin to be moved. The ADEC responder met at the site with Mr. Chumley and workers for Mr. Smith, who were continuing to collect soils in preparation for the liner delivery. An update was provided to Tim Navarre of the Mayor's Office by telephone.

On Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the ADEC responder had conversations in the morning with Mr. Self regarding progress, and with Mr. Smith regarding the arrival of the liner. Mr. Smith stated that the liner should be on site by noon today. The ADEC responder will be at the site when the liner arrives to assure that it will be properly situated for beginning movement of cars.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** No more vehicles are coming into the pit until processing station for fluids is in place. Liners are scheduled to be on site today, Tuesday, May 13, 2008, for moving vehicles off the bare ground so the site can be assessed.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Soil in pit and concern is that the shallow water table may be impacted.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Move vehicles to pit liner, drain fluids from vehicles that have not been drained and commence processing to get the pit cleared and cleaned

**WEATHER:** Today light winds, cloudy with a chance of rain, highs in the mid 50s.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL**

F.O.S.C:

S.O.S.C: Gary Folley (ADEC)

R.P.I.C: Ron Smith (Peninsula Scrap and Salvage)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Vehicles with fluids which are spilling onto the ground