

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: AK West Truck Rollover

SITREP #: 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 08309915201

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Alaska Pipeline Service Company's Security staff at Pump Station #7 reported the spill for Alaska West Trucking at 10:37 PM on May 31, 2008 to the Alaska State Troopers, who notified ADEC immediately.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on June 2, 2008

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Approximately 80 gallons of diesel fuel was released from the tractor saddle tank to the shoulder embankment soil of the Elliot highway at Mile 45. The Spec. 101 ISO tank containing 5,481 gallons of Methanol Quaternary Ammonium (cleaning solvent), UN 2924, did not breach during the incident, but released less than one-quarter gallon through the breather into a container.

LOCATION: Mile 45, Elliot Highway, which is located north of Fairbanks.

CAUSE OF SPILL: An Alaska West Express tractor with an ISO-trailer containing 5,481 gallons of cleaning solvent lost control while descending on Elliot Highway slope at mile 45. Weather conditions were not a factor in the incident. The tractor and trailer careened off the highway, removed steel guardrails, and then landed on its side against a steep embankment near the final curve of the descent. There were two 150-gallon and two 80-gallon saddle tanks containing diesel on the tractor, of which only one 80-gallon tank released all of its content onto the embankment soil. Embankment soils are poorly graded gravel with cobbles, sand, and silt. Approximately one cubic yard of soil was removed after the wreckage was recovered. The driver was medivaced from the incident for medical attention.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Alaska West Express, Inc. (Alaska West)

RESPONSE ACTION: Alaska West mobilized a seven person response team, three who are on the Fairbanks Hazardous Material Response Team. Alaska West managed traffic with signage, flaggers, and diverted traffic through an alternative access during the lightering and wreckage removal. Motorists traveling the Elliot and Dalton Highways received warning of the incident over the Citizen Band radio. Fuel impacted embankment soil was removed by hand shovels into drums. Drums were transported to the Alaska West terminal yard in Fairbanks pending profile test results. Minor drips of the cleaning solvent accumulated through the cargo tank breather were collected into a container until the cargo was lightered.

Alaska State Troopers coordinated traffic control with Alaska West, and processed the accident scene and collected data for later analysis. Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) Maintenance assisted in guardrail removal and public serviced vehicle traffic advisory. ADOT Commercial Vehicle Enforcement was on scene assessing site and vehicle conditions. ADEC had a responder at the incident scene monitoring cleanup.

SOURCE CONTROL: The cleaning solvent from the cargo tank was lightered.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: ADEC estimated that approximately 200 square feet area of road embankment soil, that is devoid of vegetation was affected by the spill.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC requested additional soil removal, and the possible installation of groundwater monitoring micro-wells.

WEATHER: Blue sky, 60°F, calm conditions, no precipitation.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Al Gettinger Alaska West Express Inc.
 F.O.S.C.:
 S.O.S.C.: Ed Meggert, ADEC
 Field S.O.S.C. John Ebel, ADEC

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Photographs and other spill information will be available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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