



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

Kake Tribal Fuel Tank Farm Gasoline Spill

SITREP #:1

SPILL #:14119934101

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. December 9, 2014

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Kake Tribal Fuel Co.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 374 Keku Road, Kake, Alaska

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Morning of Sunday, December 7, 2014

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: At approximately 11:00 a.m. on December 7, a local resident reported a strong gasoline odor coming from the Kake Tribal Fuel Tank Farm to Kake Tribal Fuel staff. The resulting inspection identified tank #6 as the source of the spill. Kake Tribal Fuel staff reported the release to ADEC at 1:55 p.m. on the same day.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Kake Tribal Fuel estimated approximately 900 gallons of unleaded gasoline was released to the facility's secondary containment area. Small quantities of sheen and gasoline have been found outside of secondary containment in a ditch down gradient from the facility. Tank #6 is an 8,000-gallon capacity tank and contained approximately 7,000 gallons of gasoline prior to the spill.

CAUSE OF SPILL: A thumb-size hole was found near the bottom of tank #6.

SOURCE CONTROL: Early attempts to plug and patch the hole slowed the rate of discharge. The spill to secondary containment area was stopped by 10:00 p.m. on December 7 when the remaining gasoline in tank #6 was transferred to other storage tanks on site.

RESPONSE ACTION: Following the discovery of the spill, the Kake Village Public Safety Officer and the Kake Fire Department closed Keku Road and established an exclusion zone around the facility to ensure public and responder safety. Approximately 12 trained responders worked to plug and temporarily patch the leak to slow the release of gasoline. The remaining contents in tank #6 were pumped into other tanks and a fuel truck to stop the release to secondary containment area. Though all workers onsite after the initial discovery of the spill were wearing respirators, spill responders were treated with oxygen by local Emergency Management Services personnel as a precaution for vapor inhalation.

On December 8, responders began pumping the fuel and water mixture from the facility's secondary containment area into 55-gallon drums. Approximately 1,700 gallons of oily water have been removed. The drums are being stored at a secure facility pending final treatment or disposal. Heavy rains are hampering efforts to drain the secondary containment area; therefore, pumping is expected to continue at least through the end of today.



Kake Tribal Fuel deployed sorbent boom in the ditch down gradient from the fuel facility after gasoline and sheen was noted outside the secondary containment area. Kake Tribal Fuel is investigating the apparent secondary containment breach.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife. No sheen or product has been reported in Keku Strait.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Kake Tribal Fuel will continue investigating the path of the contamination found in the ditch outside the secondary containment area and will recover product where possible to limit the spread of contamination. Spill responders will finish removing the fuel and water mixture from the secondary containment area. The soil within the secondary containment will be assessed for contamination and if necessary removed for disposal.

WEATHER: Today: Rain with rain heavy at times; highs around 45°F; southeast winds 10 to 20mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain; highs around 43°F; southeast winds 10 to 15mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Renee Kadake, Kake Tribal Fuel Co.

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Field Responder: Cheyenne Sanchez, ADEC

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

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View of tank #6 in the Kake Tribal Fuel tank farm, Kake, Alaska. (Photo/ADEC)

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