



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

Alaska Petroleum Mile 48 Richardson Hwy

SITREP #: 3

SPILL #: 14229934301

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. January 5, 2015

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Alaska Petroleum Distributors, Inc.

INCIDENT LOCATION: Mile 48 Richardson Highway

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The vehicle accident occurred approximately 6:30 p.m. on December 9. Alaska Petroleum Distributors reported the incident to ADEC at 2:30 a.m. on December 10.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: Motor vehicle accident. Diesel fuel was released when the tank trailer overturned during winter driving conditions.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Alaska Petroleum Distributors estimated approximately 4,400 gallons of low sulfur diesel fuel were released.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Winter driving conditions caused the vehicle to veer far to the right, causing the second tanker trailer to rollover into the ditch.

SOURCE CONTROL: None. All the fuel content in the tanker trailer was released to the environment.

RESPONSE ACTION: A response team consisting of Alaska Petroleum Distributors and their contractors, as well as ADEC, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Bureau of Land Management, and Alaska Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office, responded to the incident and began emergency response actions on Thursday December 11. Approximately 528 tons of contaminated material has either been removed to Fairbanks for treatment or stockpiled on site. Five groundwater monitoring wells have been installed and groundwater samples have been collected for lab analysis.

A disposal plan has been approved, which consists of all collected liquids and contaminated soils and other debris being transported to Anchorage and Fairbanks for disposal or treatment.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The impacted area is currently estimated at 75 feet by 75 feet in the road right-of-way. The area contains numerous seasonal creeks and wetlands. Currently, the area is dry with no moving surface water. No wildlife has been observed in the area and there have been no reports of impacts to wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The EPA has issued an Administrative Order requiring Alaska Petroleum Distributors to continue recovery efforts on the site. If Alaska Petroleum Distributors are unable to



comply with the administrative order, the EPA will assume overall operational command of the project on December 23. The EPA will continue the Unified Command process and work with all agencies and stakeholders to continue the cleanup efforts. An EPA term contractor has been identified and the contract process has begun. On site responders will continue to maintain site security until the contract is in place, possibly by December 29th. **EPA has assumed overall operational control of this response. A modified Unified Command process will remain in place. Response operations resumed on Monday January 5 with the EPA term contractor mobilizing to the site. Full response operations will resume on January 6 by continuing excavation and removal of contaminated materials for proper disposal. Operations are planned to be conducted during daylight hours only. The traffic control plan that was already in place will continue as is. Expect reduced speeds and single lane closures during work hours.**

WEATHER: Today: Sunny and clear, northwest winds 5 – 10 mph, temperature -2°F to -9°F. Tomorrow: continued sunny with northwest wind to 10 mph, temperatures 10°F to – 7°F

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Robert Whittier, EPA
SOSC: Steven Russell, ADEC
FOSC: Robert Whittier, EPA
Field SOSC: John Engles, ADEC

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Russell, State on Scene Coordinator, ADEC (907) 262-3401.

or

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sum_fy15/141209201/141209201_sr_1.pdf



*Excavation of contaminated gravels at the end of Phase 1 Operations
Photo take 12/22/2014 by ADEC*

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