



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



## **Wiseman Corner Rollover 1,200 Gallon Diesel**

**SITREP #:** 2

**SPILL #:** 14309934801

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 3:30 p.m. December 17, 2014

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Big State Logistics, Inc.

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Dalton Highway milepost 189, approximately 13 miles north of Wiseman.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The vehicle accident occurred at approximately 8:15 p.m. on December 14. Big State Logistics reported the incident to ADEC at 8:45 p.m. on the same day.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED:** Vehicle accident. Diesel fuel was released when the rear tanker compartment was ruptured during the incident.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Big State Logistics estimated approximately 1,200 gallons of ultra-low sulfur diesel were released.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** A Big State tractor-trailer hauling fuel from Fairbanks to the North Slope left the highway at milepost 189 and slid on its side, damaging the truck's trailer. The cause of the incident is being investigated by ADEC and the Alaska Department of Transportation's Alaska Highway Safety Office.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Responders pumped approximately 9,000 gallons of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel from the damaged trailer into an empty tanker.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Big State Logistics, Inc. dispatched their response truck and crew to the incident on December 14, 2014. Responders pumped fuel from the damaged tanker into an empty tanker and delivered it to Prudhoe Bay. Sorbents were used to recover ultra-low sulfur diesel from the soil surface. After transferring fuel into the empty tanker, the damaged tractor and trailer caught fire, impacting approximately 30 feet by 120 feet of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property. The tractor-trailer fire was extinguished around 4:00 p.m. on December 15, 2014. A travel advisory is no longer in effect for this area of the Dalton Highway. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

On December 16, 2014 Big State Logistics, Inc. had several personnel on site as well as their cleanup contractor, Alaska Resources and Environmental Services (ARES). An excavator, dozer and side dump truck were mobilized to the scene and were used to recover the tractor trailer's remains. After vehicle debris was removed, Big State Logistics, Inc. and ARES demobilized from the site since additional equipment is required to proceed with further cleanup. ARES performed an initial, limited site assessment before demobilizing because ignitable product remained in the subsurface.

Since the incident occurred 75 yards from an aboveground section of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), Alyeska Pipeline Service Company responded with two personnel.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Vegetation, including spruce trees, poplars, and low shrubs, burned within a 10 yard radius of the incident.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Work plans are being developed by ARES for ADEC's review. ARES will perform a complete site assessment when necessary equipment arrives on scene, and remaining contaminated soil will be removed before spring breakup. Utility locates are underway and will be complete before excavation work proceeds.

**WEATHER:** Today: Light snow with a high of 14°F and a low of 2°F. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, with no precipitation expected. High of 4°F and a low of 1°F.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Mervin Gilbertson, Big State Logistics

SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC

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

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[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sum\\_fy15/141214301/141214301\\_index.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sum_fy15/141214301/141214301_index.htm)



Remains of the tractor and trailer after the fire, December 16, 2014 (Photo: John Ebel/ADEC)

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