



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

***SITUATION REPORT***



**Point Lay Drums at Bottom of Former Drinking Water Lake**

**SITREP #** First and Final

**SPILL #:** N/A

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** Final 10:30 a.m. August 10, 2016

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Unknown

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Point Lay, Alaska, drinking water lake

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** There are no reports of a spill at this time.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED:** On August 5, 2016, the Kokolik River eroded through the land that separated the river from the lake that served as the drinking water source for Point Lay, resulting in the lake draining and exposing the bottom sediment and multiple drums.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** There are no reports of a spill at this time.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** There are no reports of a spill at this time.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** There are no reports of a spill at this time.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPRP) and Drinking Water Program (DWP) received confirmation on August 9, 2016 that the drinking water lake for Point Lay was drained due to the Kokolik River eroding through the land separating the two bodies of water. Community members found that there are multiple, older drums resting on the sediment of the drinking water lake. The source of the drums is unknown at this time. ADEC has not received past reports of impacts to the drinking water lake from a spill and there have been no reports of an active spill event at this time. The PPRP and DWP are working to determine risks to human health and the environment at this time.

There are three water treatment tanks on-site which have been previously filled prior to the erosion event. The DWP and the community of Point Lay have confirmed that the tanks for the community are nearly full and that enough drinking water was produced to provide the community with water through this winter season. Testing of the drinking water in June indicated that the water is safe for drinking.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The drinking water lake for Point Lay no longer exists due to erosion from the Kokolik River. There have not been any reports of impacts to the bottom of the former lake or to other resources as a result of the drums.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC PPRP and DWP are working to determine risks to human health and the environment that the discovered drums pose.

**WEATHER: Today:** Mostly cloudy with wind from the NE gusting at 15 to 25 mph. Expected high temperature of 49°F with lows near 42°F. **Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny skies with a high of 56°F and a low of 46°F anticipated. Winds will be from the ENE in the morning at 20 to 30 mph, shifting to the NE at 10 to 20 mph later in the day.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident commander:  
SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC  
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**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** FIRST AND FINAL

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Candice Bressler, PIO, ADEC (907) 465-5009

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[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr\\_active.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_active.htm)

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