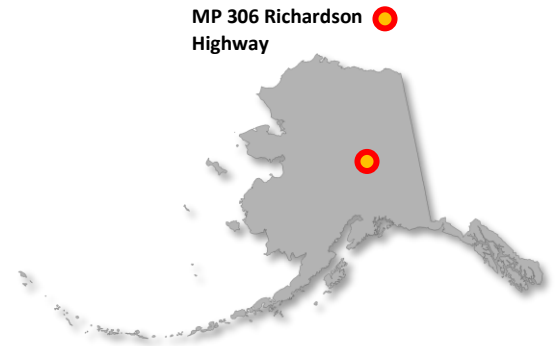




ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT



Big State Birch Lake Rollover Diesel Spill

SITREP # 1

SPILL #: 16309924901

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 1:30 p.m. September 6, 2016

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

INCIDENT LOCATION: Milepost 306 of the Richardson Highway

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: At approximately 1:00 p.m. on September 5, 2016

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The quantity released from the secondary tank is unknown at this time. At the time of the incident the tank contained 5,000 gallons of #1 ultra-low sulfur diesel.

CAUSE OF SPILL: A fuel tanker truck hauling a secondary tank north on the Richardson Highway experienced equipment failure. The secondary tank was punctured in multiple locations at the time of impact.

SOURCE CONTROL: Source control has been completed. It appears that most of the product was released almost immediately after the secondary tank rolled over. Big State Logistics removed the remaining fuel from the secondary tank and the tank was removed from the incident location yesterday evening. The main fuel tank (carrying 9,000 gallons of #1 ultra-low sulfur diesel) and cab of the truck remained on the roadway and were not impacted during the incident. There were no injuries.

RESPONSE ACTION: Big State Logistics personnel and Salcha Fire and Rescue responded to the scene by 1:30 p.m. The Fairbanks North Star Borough Hazmat Team was also called out in response to the incident. The spill appears localized to a ditch immediately adjacent to the Richardson Highway southbound lane. Crews successfully blocked culverts north of the spill site that lead into Birch Lake utilizing tarps and soil. No fuel made it into Birch Lake. Soil berms were also established in the flow of the diesel to prevent further migration. While control of the site was being established crews began to pump off fuel from the secondary tank. The Alaska State Troopers provided traffic control until flagger crews could be dispatched from Fairbanks. A representative from the Alaska Department of Transportation Commercial Vehicle Enforcement was on scene.

Representatives from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) arrived on site at 3:30 p.m. At this same time, flagger equipment arrived and flag crews took over traffic control. Pumping activities were still underway when ADEC arrived. At around 5:30 p.m. the tanker was up righted and towed to the highway so a trailer could be used to haul the damaged tanker off site. A vac truck was on site and was immediately able to begin recovering free product and water from the spill site following the removal of the damaged tanker.

A secondary vac truck arrived on scene and began recovering fuel and water from the site. Crews worked through the evening recovering fuel and water from the spill site. A total of 11,020 gallons of oil and water mixture were transported to an aboveground storage tank at Organic Incineration Technology, Inc.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marsh land and a small roadside pond were impacted from the diesel release. There was no impact to Birch Lake. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Recovery of diesel will continue through today. Big State Logistics, Inc. is working with ADEC to develop plans to recover impacted soil. While cleanup actions are being performed a traffic control plan will be implemented and flaggers will be on site to guide traffic.

WEATHER: Today: A steady rain is expected to continue through this evening; with a high temperature of 42°F and winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph. This evening rain is anticipated to decrease, lows of 29°F are expected with winds maintaining from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Tomorrow a mixture of sunshine and clouds are expected, high of 47°F and low of 27°F, winds light and variable.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Mervin Gilbertson, Big State Logistics, Inc.

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TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 11:00 a.m. on September 7, 2016

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This SITREP and additional photos will be available at the following website:

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_active.htm



Fuel had finished being offloaded from the secondary tank and actions to bring the tank to the roadway were just about to begin, September 5, 2016. (Jessica Starsman, ADEC)

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST: This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor’s office, Senator Sullivan’s and Murkowski’s office, State Emergency Operations Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state agencies. This situation report was also distributed to the following agencies and stakeholders:

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