



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



Beaver Joint Utilities Fuel Transfer Release

SITREP # 1

SPILL #: 16309929301

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00pm on October 20, 2016

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Beaver Joint Utilities (BJU)

INCIDENT LOCATION: Unnamed Street North of the U.S. Post Office in Beaver, AK.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: BJU employees discovered the spill while in the process of transferring fuel into an aboveground storage tank (AST) during the evening of October 18, 2016. BJU reported the spill to ADEC at 10:30 a.m. on October 19, 2016.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The spilled product is #1 Fuel Oil. Exact amount released is yet to be determined.

CAUSE OF SPILL: During fuel transfer operations between a mobile and stationary AST the fuel transfer hose disconnected, which allowed fuel to release onto the ground.

SOURCE CONTROL: The source is controlled.

RESPONSE ACTION: Initial response actions were initiated immediately upon discovery of the disconnected hose. When the driver observed the release, he gathered old clothing and used it to absorb the spilled fuel. Some remaining free product was observed during the inspection on morning of October 19th. Recoverable fuel was then removed by absorbent pads which were found after the initial deployment of old clothing. Cold temperatures in Beaver hindered mobilization of heavy equipment during the morning of October 19th, but BJU reported that soil removal was initiated in the afternoon.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Land adjacent to the U.S. Post Office in Beaver, AK. Size of affected area and additional affected resources are yet to be determined. Beaver has a public drinking water source, located approximately 850 feet away from the spill site. The Beaver Cruishank K-8 School is within 200 feet from the spill site. The smell of diesel was noticed outside the school on October 19th, but the smell was not reported on the 20th. There were no reports of a diesel smell inside the school on either day.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC will continue to monitor the response actions and review plans being developed to clean up contaminated soils. A department representative will travel to the community on October 20th to assist with cleanup actions. An investigation is being conducted to identify the exact cause of the spill and amount of released product.

WEATHER: Today: Cloudy; highs around 26°F; winds light and variable. Tomorrow: sunny; highs around 27°F; west south-west winds at 5-10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Selina Petruska, BJU
SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC
Field SOSC: Patrik Sartz, ADEC

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: As conditions warrant.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Adamczak, ADEC (907) 451-2124

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



Spill site with sorbent material during the morning of October 19, 2016.

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 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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