



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Spill Prevention and Response**  
**Prevention Preparedness and Response Program**  
***SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)***



## **Bloom Enterprises Fire**

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 17309912901

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 12:30PM, May 10, 2017

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Bloom Enterprises, Inc.

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 2448 Arvilla Street, Fairbanks, Alaska

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The spill occurred as the result of a fire at the property on May 9, 2017.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** ADEC received notification of the incident at 12:52PM on May 9, 2017.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The initial report stated that vegetable oil was the only product released, however after ADEC was able to investigate the site, various petroleum products were observed. At this time, a complete product list and the respective quantities are unknown. Fire suppressant water was used to control the burn, which added an unknown quantity of water to the product and vegetable oil slurry.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** A fire started at the property, the cause of which is unknown at this time. Containers stored on the property were burned during the fire, causing release of their contents.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The fire was put out at approximately 4:30PM on May 9, 2017.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The Fairbanks North Star Borough HazMat Team was called out and assisted with initial response efforts. Product released from containers was observed floating on top of standing water during the fire-fighting efforts. The addition of this large quantity of fire suppressant water to the product and vegetable oil slurry compounded immediate containment and response efforts.

When safe to do so and congruent with the fire-fighting response efforts, ADEC activated spill containment and response operations. At ADEC PPR staff direction, the PRP mobilized a front-end loader staged at the facility. A dirt and gravel berm was constructed to contain the majority of product to the center of the property and preclude contaminated water and product from migrating off-site. ADEC PPR responders performed recovery of the pooled product using absorbent materials and a rope mop skimmer until arrival of a vacuum truck at 4:30PM. The vacuum truck was used to remove floating pooled product from standing water and contaminated gravel at the edges of the property. The majority of the spilled product and standing water remains on site and is the focus of response actions.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** The property is currently listed as a contaminated site in the ADEC Contaminated Sites Database with benzene contamination in the groundwater. Further contamination to groundwater in the area is of concern as a result of this release. Until the standing water and product has been removed, Arvilla Street is affected by this incident.

**Future Plans and Recommendations:** The RP has brought on Alaska Resources and Environmental Services (ARES) as an environmental consultant to assist with response and disposal efforts. The floating pooled product will be sucked from standing water by vacuum truck and transported to OIT, Inc. in Moose Creek, Alaska for final disposal. The standing water is planned to be sucked into bladders as temporary storage. Following a laboratory sample analysis, the remaining water will be disposed of in accordance with state and federal oversight.

**WEATHER:** Today: Mostly cloudy; high 59°F, low 40°F; 50% chance of rain; winds WNW at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy; high 63°F, low 43°F; 40% chance of rain; winds ENE at 5-10 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Susan LaVanway, Bloom Enterprises, Inc.  
SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC

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

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Figure 1. Fire crews work to put out the fire at the Bloom Enterprises, Inc. property on May 9, 2017.  
[Photo: ADEC]

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