



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

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Day Tank Overflow of Diesel-Learning Center Bethel



SITREP #: 2 and Final

SPILL #: 18279900801

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 pm January 19, 2018

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Yuut Elitnaurviat (YE) People's Learning Center

INCIDENT LOCATION: 610 Akiachak Dr. Bethel, Alaska

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Between 5:00 pm January 8, 2018 and 8:00 am January 9, 2018

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The spill was discovered at 8:00 am on January 9, 2018 by Yuut Elitnaurviat maintenance personnel.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The PRP reported approximately 3,000 gallons of diesel were released.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The automatic shut off for the day tank was not operational. Maintenance personnel manually operated the pump, transferring product from a 4,000 gallon feeder tank to a day tank. The pump was left on resulting in overfill of the day tank.

SOURCE CONTROL: The pump was shut off by maintenance staff immediately upon discovery of the spill.

RESPONSE ACTION: The PRP activated a response contractor Alaska Chadux Corporation (Chadux). The PRP, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) formed a Unified Command. Chadux responders arrived on site on January 9th and worked to establish site control and initiate free product recovery. Between January 9th and January 17th, Chadux responders recovered approximately 950 gallons of diesel as well as 390 bags of oily waste containing diesel saturated absorbents. Approximately seven cubic yards of impacted soil in the spill footprint was removed and is stored on site for final disposal.

The Unified Command determined that the recovery phase of operations is complete and Chadux is demobilizing from the site. Absorbent boom will remain in place in down-gradient locations of the spill site to prevent migration of any remaining fuel out of the initial spill foot print. The response is transitioning into a monitoring and maintenance phase until additional excavation is feasible. YE contractor ChemTrack is positioned to take over monitoring and maintenance, including managing disposal of all response generated wastes.

The building remains open to the public.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: The release occurred on the building pad and in the adjacent wetland around the school building. Browns Slough is north and east of the Yuut Elitnaurviat People's Learning Center. Browns Slough is separated from the spill site by roads surrounding the property.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: During daily inspections, contractors will check the site for free product, thaw conditions, and maintain the absorbents in place to ensure any remaining free product does not migrate out of the impact area. Contractors will continue to work on waste disposal. The site will be monitored daily until site conditions allow for a detailed assessment of any soil impacts. An assessment of soil impacts will determine if more excavation is needed. Impacted soil will be removed until the lowest practicable level of contamination has been reached.

WEATHER: Friday: Mostly sunny, 11°F, wind 22 MPH; Saturday: Mostly sunny, -3°F, wind 10 MPH.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Tiffany Tony, Director of Operations, Yuut Elitnaurviat

SOSC: Geoff Merrell, ADEC

FOSCr: PO Ben Conger, United States Coast Guard Sector Anchorage

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: Not Applicable, final situation report.

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http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/PPR/response/sr_fy18.htm

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