



**16119904704 ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONSERVATION  
Division of Spill Prevention and Response  
Prevention and Emergency Response Program  
*SITUATION REPORT***



## **B Street Klawock, 6317 Transformer Oil**

**SITREP #: 1**

**SPILL #: 16119904704**

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 4:00 pm, February 21, 2016

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** ADEC has identified the individuals who dumped the oil, and Alaska Power and Telephone (APT), the owner of the transformers, as potential responsible parties.

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 6317 B Street, Klawock, Alaska

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** January 30-31, 2016

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** The spill was reported to the National Response Center by an individual involved in the dumping of the oil at 9:37 pm, February 16, 2016.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The initial NRC report, estimated 200 gallons of oil was spilled. Alaska Power and Telephone, owners of the transformers, told ADEC that 13 of the transformers had been drained of oil and estimates that the total aggregate of oil in the 4 full transformers was approximately 34 gallons. APT said that the drained transformers would contain approximately 1 pint of oil each therefore, the total oil volume in the 17 would have been approximately 36 gallons. APT provided ADEC with testing results on the oil in the transformers. Only two transformers had oil containing PCBs above non-detect: one had 5 ppm PCB and the other had 2 ppm PCB.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The spill was caused when three individuals dumped the oil from 17 transformers they had acquired into a small stream and adjacent soil while trying to recover copper from the transformers. Further investigation into the cause of the spill and the acquisition of the transformers by the three individuals is being pursued by ADEC and the Klawock Police Department.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The transformer cases, cores and parts have been recovered by APT and the Klawock Police Department. The remaining oil on site is that contained in the soil. Sorbent boom is being maintained in the stream to contain and recover oil sheening from the soil.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** ADEC advised the individuals involved in the oil dumping to seek medical attention and advised the Klawock Fire Department (KFD) that the spill had occurred. All three individuals have received medical care from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health Craig Public Health Center. KFD has placed, and is maintaining, sorbent boom from ADEC's local response container in Thorne Bay in the stream. The City of Klawock is controlling public access to the site to protect the public.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** Fish, birds and wildlife present in the Klawock River and in the marine waters at the estuary of the Klawock River. ADEC has not received any reports of affected wildlife but has received a report from the Craig Public Health Center that two dogs are ill although the source of their illness has not been determined to ADEC's knowledge.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC is sending one responder from the regional office in Juneau to respond to the spill, take characterization samples and coordinate the response with APT, DHSS medical staff, Klawock police and fire departments and local community, tribal organizations and state and federal resource agencies. ADEC will test the soil as if the product spilled is an unknown.

**WEATHER:**

This Afternoon: Rain. High near 48. Southeast wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Tonight: Showers likely, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**PRIMARY AGENCIES AND PERSONNEL:**

APT: Greg Mickelson

SOSC: Bob Mattson, ADEC

FOSC: Capt. Shannon Greene, USCG

Klawock FD: Frank Peratrovich, Fire Chief

Field SOSC: Kayley Moen, ADEC

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**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Mattson, Regional Manager, ADEC (907) 465-5349

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



Figure 1 Oil dumping site prior to removal of transformer parts. Klawock Fire Dept Photo

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