Crowley Fuels MP 105 Richardson Hwy Tanker Rollover

SITREP #: 2

SPILL #: 19229918301

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 1:00 pm July 5, 2019

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Crowley Fuels

INCIDENT LOCATION: Richardson Highway Milepost 105.5 near Copper Center, Alaska

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Approximately 1345 on July 2, 2019

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: Alaska State Troopers (AST) received the accident report and notified Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) at 1547 on July 2, 2019.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel, 5000 gallons

CAUSE OF SPILL: A fuel tanker truck hauling a main tank and secondary pup tank was heading north on the Richardson Highway when it lost control and the secondary tank overturned. The secondary tank was damaged resulting in release of the entire contents of the tank.

RESPONSE ACTION: AST was on site to assist. The Richardson Highway was closed and traffic was rerouted through the Copper Center bypass (Old Richardson Highway). Crowley dispatched a response crew who deployed sorbent booms to contain free flowing product, and used absorb to contain the fuel on the roadway. Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) was on site assisting with cleanup and provided a dump truck to sand the roadway. NRC Alaska (NRC) was in the area and assisted with pumps and portable tanks to recover pooled fuel. ADEC responders were on site overseeing cleanup efforts. Crowley’s environmental contractor, Kasteler Consulting Inc. (KCI) arrived on site to develop an emergency cleanup plan. A Vac Truck arrived on site to assist with containment. At approximately 1900 July 2, 2019 one lane of the Richardson Highway had been reopened.

The Vac Truck has been used to collect free flowing product from a collection point. KCI estimated 1,600 gallons of oil has been recovered. The cleanup plan has been approved by ADEC and is being implemented. KCI is excavating impacted materials from the side of the roadway and embankment. Contaminated soil will be transported offsite to a soil treatment facility. Traffic is currently reduced to one lane as recovery efforts continue.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: State uplands and Richardson Highway road prism.
FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NRC and KCI are continuing response to recover spilled product. KCI is developing a cleanup plan. EPA plans to visit the site. Future cleanup will be based on the recommendations of the approved cleanup plan.

KCI is developing a plan in coordination with ADOT to remove the portion of contaminated road surface and underlying contaminated materials. This plan will include traffic control throughout the process.

WEATHER: Sunny, temperature 76 degrees F, calm winds.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:
Incident Commander: Michael Moeller, Crowley
SOSCR: Ron Doyel, ADEC
FOSC: Bob Whittier, EPA

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Doyel, ADEC, Prince William Sound Unit Supervisor, (907) 835-8012

[https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/]
Tanks for recovered oil at the Crowley tanker response Richardson Highway MP 105, July 2, 2019 (Photo credit: ADEC)
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