318 Richardson Hwy US Army Tanker Rollover

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 18309906301

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 6:15 p.m. March 6, 2018

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): United States Army.

INCIDENT LOCATION: Milepost 318 Richardson Highway, Approximately 45 Miles South of Fairbanks.


HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The release was reported to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) by the Alaska State Troopers through the afterhours spill line at 3:20 p.m., March 4, 2018.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An estimated 800 gallons of diesel fuel was released.

CAUSE OF SPILL: A United States Army (US Army) owned and operated tactical tanker hauling an estimated 1,150 gallons of diesel (JP8), when it left the roadway, rolling over and sliding partially down the east embankment.

SOURCE CONTROL: Drums were used to catch fuel being released from leaking hatches. Remaining fuel was pumped and transferred to an empty Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) Tanker.

RESPONSE ACTION: US Army Fort Wainwright personnel, with the assistance of ADEC, conducted source control and lightering operations, with removal of the damaged vehicle completed at approximately 3:00 PM March 5, 2018. ADEC dug an initial trough in the snow to delineate the impacted area and completed a preliminary profile of the spill site. ADEC is coordinating response efforts regarding the slough with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR). ADEC met with personnel from the US Army’s contractor, Paragon-Jacobs, on March 5, 2018, to discuss future remediation efforts.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) right of way has been impacted. An unnamed slough connecting to the Tanana River is within 50 feet of the spill. Contaminated snow and soil could impact the unnamed slough and the Tanana River during a thaw event. The Tanana River is of particular concern due to the salmon that may be present. Clean up work in the area will impact travel along the Richardson Highway.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC is currently working with the US Army and Paragon-Jacobs as they develop a plan to remove contaminated snow and soil.
WEATHER: Tonight; Mostly cloudy. Low 11F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Tomorrow; Partly cloudy. High around 25F. Winds light and variable.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:
Incident Commander: Richard Morris, US Army
SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC
FOSC: Matt Carr, EPA
Field SOSC: Patrik Sartz, ADEC

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom DeRuyter, SOS, ADEC (907) 451-2145

Spill Site Location (ADEC)
Tanker as it came to rest, March 4, 2018 (Photo/ADEC)
AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST: This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor’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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