



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

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Kwigillingok 6,000-Gallon Diesel Release



SITREP #: 4 and Final

SPILL #: 24479903801

DATE/TIME OF DISTRIBUTION: February 10, 2026, at 2:00 PM
Information current as of February 10, 2026, at 12:00 PM

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTIES (PRP): Kwik Incorporated (Kwik Inc.) and Native Village of Kwigillingok

INCIDENT LOCATION: The release is in the southwest Alaska community of Kwigillingok, approximately 500 feet from the Kwigillingok river, at the Kwigillingok Inc. marina bulk fuel tank farm (lat/ long: 59.882062 n, -163.151846 w).

DATE/TIME OF SPILL: Spill occurred sometime between February 7, 2024, 6:00 PM local time and February 8, 2024, 10:00 AM local time.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The release was discovered after the Kwik Inc. staff returned to work on February 8, 2024. The Native Village of Kwigillingok reported the spill at 12:03 p.m.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: 8,827 gallons of diesel fuel discharged has remained unchanged.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The release occurred during a bulk fuel transfer from a larger storage tank to a smaller storage tank. The cause is still under investigation; human error is suspected. Inquiry with Kwik Inc. affirmed the root cause was human error.

SOURCE CONTROL: Source control has been achieved. Snow berms have been built on the outer edges of the spill delineation points for both containment and recovery operations. Shore sealing and absorbent booming materials replacing the snow berms were deployed on April 29, 2024, for spring thaw response operations. On May 30, 2024, the equipment was removed from around the spill site and 425 pounds of contaminated sorbents were incinerated on-site.

Response Action: Since February 19, 2024, extreme winter weather and white-out conditions continued to impact recovery operations, equipment reliability and delivery of crew and cleanup materials. As of March 11, approximately 2000 gallons of oil have been recovered. Coast Guard personnel and Resolve crew have now completed the transition from active oil recovery operations into caretaking for the remainder of the winter season. The transition included icing over the source control snow berm system, returning locally sourced rented/borrowed equipment, and packing standby gear into the storage Conex provided by Kwik Inc. Resolve crew completed their demobilization out of Kwigillingok as of March 12, 2024. Prior to departing, Resolve

received and stored sorbents and Shore Seal boom, bird hazing materials onsite for phase two recovery operations during the spring thaw cycle.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: There are currently no reports of wildlife in the area. Spill area is frozen tundra and a small pond with currently no discharge to the Kwigillingok River. Tundra wetlands underlying the spill are sensitive to disturbance from equipment/vehicles and even excessive foot traffic. Wetlands are currently frozen, with winter travel open for all vehicles/equipment. Although overall snow cover is good, it may be thin in some areas. To the extent practicable during the response, these areas should be avoided to protect the tundra surface.

Threatened bearded and ringed seals are found in Kuskokwim Bay and found in the bay during winter-spring. Threatened bearded and ringed seal critical habitat is NOT in Kuskokwim Bay. Endangered large whales (fin, humpbacks, etc.) are not expected to be in Kuskokwim Bay during winter-spring. The spill location is within the range of ESA-listed Steller's and Spectacled eiders (both Threatened) and the wood bison (experimental, non-essential population); however, these species are not expected to be present in the spill area during this time of year.

Local subsistence users catch sheefish, northern pike in the river at this time of the year. No injuries were reported.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC, the state and federal governments will continue to work with the responsible parties to assist with developing response actions for the cleanup, develop tactics to maximize the reuse of recovered diesel fuel and minimize damage to the environment.

Resolve is actively monitoring the site for maintenance concerns and timing for Shore Sealing boom deployment. Periodic site reconnaissance visits will be conducted until breakup recovery operations are resumed sometime in late April early May.

United States Coast Guard personnel and Resolve Marine contractors returned to Kwigillingok on May 30, 2024, for completing a final assessment at the spill site. It was determined that no impact on wildlife had occurred and no recoverable oil was pooled on the tundra, in ponded water or in the Kwigillingok river at the spill site. Case closed out

WEATHER: Today's forecast: Windy. Snow during the morning will transition to snow showers during the afternoon. High around 30F. Winds SE at 25 to 35 mph. Chance of snow 100%. Snow accumulating 1 to 3 inches. Higher wind gusts possible

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jimmy Oscar, Kwik Inc.

SOSC: Bernie Nowicki, ADEC

FOSC: Christopher Culpepper, USCG

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DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: None. This is the final report.

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Figure 1. Overflight of spill site boundary on March 10, 2024. Photo by Resolve Marine.



FIGURE 2. Icing over the spill site perimeter berm on March 10, 2024. Photo by Resolve Marine.



Figure 3. Phase II material resupply on March 11, 2024. Photo by Resolve Marine.



FIGURE 4. Drone photograph showing removal of the shore sealing and absorbent boom at spill site boundary on May 30, 2024. Photo credit to Resolve Marine and the USCG.

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