

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: McGrath Mystery Spill

SITREP #: 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 02279921201

LEDGER CODE: 14113060

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill was discovered at approximately 2:00 p.m. July 31, 2003 by the McGrath City Administrator and reported by the McGrath Volunteer Fire Department.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 p.m. on August 1, 2003

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: None, this is the final report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An unknown amount of unknown petroleum product was reported in the Kuskokwim River around McGrath. The sheen is reported to vary from 20' to 100' wide and is estimated to be from 1 to 5 miles long.

LOCATION: Kuskokwim River in and around McGrath, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Unknown. Fire department personnel are attempting to locate the source.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Unknown.

RESPONSE ACTION: Internal ADEC notifications accomplished, USCG, ADNR and ADF&G advised. ADEC Staff authorized to respond from Bethel. Coordinated with McGrath Volunteer Fire Department to charter local aircraft for an overflight. Overflight revealed that the source had stopped, product was black to grey, unknown petroleum product. Slick is about 3 miles long by 20 feet wide moving down river and dissipating. Confirmation calls to McGrath on August 1st confirmed no remaining oil in McGrath and no source found.

SOURCE CONTROL: None. Source is unknown.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Kuskokwim River. No oiled wildlife observed.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Attempt to locate source of spill through local sources. Monitor downriver settlements for reports of this sheen.

WEATHER: At 3:00 p.m. on July 31, 2003: 51°F, calm winds, clear

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Allan Anderson, McGrath Volunteer Fire Department
S.O.S.C.:	Gary Folley, (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT, Harry Young at (907) 269-7542

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
USEPA	Matt Carr/Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
USCG-MSO/ANC	Captain Morris	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
ADNR	Sam Means	Email	Sam_Means@dnr.state.ak.us	267-2338	267-2464
ADF&G	Mark Fink	Email	Mark_Fink@fishgame.state.ak.us	269-8548	269-8913
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via	Session/Interim	Telephone	Facsimile
Senate C)/ Fairbanks	Georgianna Lincoln	Fax	Juneau/Juneau	465-3732	465-2652
City of McGrath	Natalie Baumgartner – City Clerk	Fax		524-3825	524-3536
House (6)/Aniak	Carl Morgan	Fax	Juneau/Juneau	465-4527	465-2197