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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Chester Creek Foam                  SITREP #: 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: Not Required                           LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The actual time of the spill is unknown. ADEC was notified at 6:14pm September 18, 2003 by the State Troopers that a foamy substance was found in Chester Creek.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00pm on September 19, 2003

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Unknown quantity of Class A fire-fighting foam used by the Anchorage Fire Department as a fire suppressant. There are two components of potential concern that make up the fire-fighting foam – diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, and ethanol. These two components make up a very minor percentage of the foam.

LOCATION: The far south parking lot of Ben Boeke Indoor Ice Arena, Anchorage, Alaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: The Anchorage Fire Department was conducting a training exercise with the Class A fire-fighting foam at the Ben Boeke parking lot next to a storm drain. A portion of the foam migrated into a storm drain that feeds into Chester Creek.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Anchorage Fire Department

RESPONSE ACTION: ADEC staff responded to the spill on September 19, 2003. The Municipality of Anchorage was notified of the residual foam in the Ben Boeke parking lot and storm drain and was requested to come to the site. The Municipality cleaned up the parking lot with a street sweeper as well as the catch basins to Chester Creek.

The components that are used to make the fire-fighting foam are extremely diluted when used and were even further diluted once the substances reached the creek. As a result, it not considered to be a threat to human health or a substantial or persistent threat to aquatic organisms.

SOURCE CONTROL: The foam has been cleaned up and catch basins cleaned of the solution to prevent further contamination entering the creek.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The Ben Boeke parking lot and Chester Creek

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Anchorage Fire Department is going to review the operations plans on prevention of the Class A Foam from entering any water ways in the future.

WEATHER: Clear skies and sunny, 42 °f, wind Speed: 10 mph

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