

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: 1021 Glacier Ave., Taku Oil Diesel Spill **SITREP #:** 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04119901401 **LEDGER CODE:** Not requested.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Approximately 3:30 p.m., January 14, 2004. An ADEC responder received a message on his phone on January 14, 2003 after hours.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:30 p.m., January 15, 2004

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 p.m., January 16, 2004

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: #2 Diesel Fuel, 700 gallons

LOCATION: 1021 Glacier Ave. Juneau

CAUSE OF SPILL: Taku Oil was delivering oil to a 650-gallon underground home heating oil tank serving the residence at 1021 Glacier Ave. The truck driver, new to this route located what he believed to be the underground tanks fill pipe next to the house's foundation and within a foot of the tank's vent. The driver began filling the tank but stopped when he had delivered 700 gallons. The operator started to investigate why the system had not automatically shut down at 650 gallons.

The driver's investigation revealed that the presumed fill line was not connected to or involved with the fuel system, but was in fact a portion of an abandoned roof gutter system.. When abandoned, the piping system was severed leaving an exposed pipe that drained into the house's basement.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Taku Oil 1076 Jacobsen Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801

RESPONSE ACTION: Taku Oil deployed responders and response equipment to the location on the afternoon of January 14 and recovered an estimated 40 gallons of product from the basement of the house with sorbent pads. Additional sorbent pads and oil dry were deployed throughout the basement in an attempt to collect oil on the floor and reduce the odor in the basement and the house. No additional product has been located.

ADEC response personnel inspected the site on the morning of January 15 and are assisting Taku Oil personnel to locate the unaccounted for oil. No obvious pathways have yet been located.

ADEC staff contacted the Juneau Public Works Department regarding the spill. Public works employees did not believe the oil entered the sewer system and may have been gone into the storm drain system and flushed into Gastineau Channel with the record rains on the day of the spill. An inspection of the storm drain system did not reveal any oil. ADEC staff also contacted the city's wastewater treatment plant. The operators of the plant did notice a strong smell of diesel fuels yesterday afternoon that continues but have not observed any sheen in any of their tanks. The plant operators have stated they will be on the watch for it.

ADEC staff also contacted a church next door to the property and advised them of the situation. When asked to check for odors in the church's basement, they report no diesel odors were noted during the inspection.

SOURCE CONTROL: The operator shut down the fueling operation.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The property at 1021 Glacier Ave., Juneau. No other impacts have been confirmed although the investigation is ongoing.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Taku Oil has been advised and agrees that the diesel oil that has not been accounted for must be found. To this end, the RP is proposing hiring an Environmental Engineering firm to try to locate the fuel and come up with a plan for cleaning up the spill.

WEATHER: Heavy rains the day and night of the incident, changing to solid overcast, dry and cold. Snow is forecast later in the day. Temperatures are cold (in the low 30's) and expected to decrease tonight.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jeff Hanson, Taku Oil.
 F.O.S.C.:
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, SOS, SE Alaska Response Team
 Field S.O.S.C.: Les Leatherberry, SE Alaska Response Team

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Leatherberry at 465-5346 in Juneau.

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