

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: City of Galena diesel spill

SITREP#: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04309915701

LEDGER CODE: Not assigned

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill occurred at an unknown time, but was discovered at 9:48 am on June 5, 2004. The spill was reported by the City of Galena to the troopers immediately who reported it to ADEC by 10 am.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 10:00 am, June 7, 2004

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The City of Galena estimates approximately 1000 gallons of #2 diesel.

LOCATION: The spill occurred approximately 100 feet from the Yukon River near the barge delivery header, Galena.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The City of Galena hired a contractor to pressure test all the city's fuel lines prior to next week's barge fuel delivery. The contractor charged the line with 1500 gallons of diesel and noticed a pressure loss. The contractor and the city's utility manager walked the length of the underground fuel line. Near the marine header they noticed fuel bubbling up from the ground. The High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) fuel line was broken underground near the barge delivery header.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): City of Galena.

RESPONSE ACTION: The City of Galena contacted approximately 10 spill response members. They arrived on site and began free product recovery with a vacuum truck. They recovered approximately 500 gallons of free product. The team also utilized a loader and began contaminated soil removal efforts. All contaminated soil was placed on a liner. They also dug a few test pits between the point of release and the Yukon River and did not find any fuel.

Approximately 200 cubic yards of contaminated soil has been placed on a liner. Efforts will be focused today on removing any additional contaminated soil and making repairs to the fuel line. Two ADEC staff will be traveling out to Galena on June 8, 2004 to assess the situation and to discuss future plans.

SOURCE CONTROL: The response crew hooked a compressor up to the line to pump the remaining diesel in the line back into the city's fuel tank.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Surrounding soil was impacted. No observed impact to the Yukon River or any wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Make any repairs necessary to get the line ready for next week's fuel delivery. Discuss options for contaminated soil disposal. Draft and implement a sampling plan to confirm complete cleanup.

WEATHER: Partly cloudy, isolated thunderstorms, highs 80-85 degrees Fahrenheit, northeast winds 5-15 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander	Walt Wilcox, Utilities Manager, City of Galena
F.O.S.C.....	Matt Carr, EPA
S.O.S.C.....	Ed Meggert, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.....	Amanda Leffel, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Leffel, 451-2175.

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ADNR (Habitat)	Al Ott/Jack Winters	Fax		459-7285 or 459-7279	456-3091
USCG	Cpt. Ron Morris	Fax		271-6700/6708	271-6751
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