

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Van Horn NAPA Fire & Hazmat Release

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL NUMBER:** 11309914601

**LEDGER CODE:** 14311960

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The Fairbanks City Fire and Rescue officials received a call about the fire around 6:30 PM on May 26, 2011. The city of Fairbanks notified ADEC at 11:45 PM on the same day.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM on May 27, 2011

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Unknown quantities of automotive lubrication products, degreasing and solvent chemicals, paints, lead acid batteries, and other petroleum based chemicals were involved in the structural fire. NAPA employees have located a lap top computer from the structure and are attempting to reconstruct the on-site oil and hazmat inventory before the fire.

**LOCATION:** 1937 Van Horn Road, Fairbanks, Alaska

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Causal factors are under investigation by the University Fire Marshall.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** NAPA Auto and Truck Parts

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Approximately 50 responders joined in a mutual aid response from the University Fire Department (FD), City of Fairbanks FD, North Pole FD, Steese Volunteer FD, Fairbanks International Airport FD, and the Fort Wainwright FD. The Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Hazmat Team joint the incident at approximately 6:45PM. Responders tapped five fire hydrants and utilized anti-fire fighting foam to combat the blaze. The FNSB Hazmat Team provided air monitoring, technical support, and field sampling for the fire water runoff. Three responders received non-life threatening injuries during the response.

ADEC Northern Area responders are working with the University Fire Incident Commander, and NAPA and their response contractor to develop a plan to contain and recover any product that may be released during the incident.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The fire is controlled, but source material is believed to exist in the damaged structure. Chemical products were observed in the fire water runoff along the road ditches and in the unimproved vacant lot.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Petroleum and chemical substances were observed in the burned out structure, NAPA asphalt parking lot, adjacent gravel roads, and the sparsely vegetated vacant unimproved land.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Develop plans and execute tactics to contain and recover product, manage waste streams, and control access to the site.

**WEATHER:** Today, sunny, highs 80 to 85 °F, and light winds. Tonight, partly cloudy, lows 45 to 55 °F, and light winds.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Chief Doug Schrage (University Fire Department)

F.O.S.C.:

S.O.S.C.: Tom DeRuyter (ADEC)

Field S.O.S.C.: Paul Lhotka (ADEC)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom DeRuyter, ADEC at (907) 451-2145.  
Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:  
<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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AF&G (Habitat)	Al Ott/Jack Winters	Fax		459-7285/ 459-7279	459-7303
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City of Fairbanks	Brad Johnson	Fax	Deputy Chief of Police	450-6500 x 6566	450-6595
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*Petroleum product and anti-fire fighting foam in a run-off pool behind the NAPA Auto and Truck on Van Horn Road.*