

**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 #:** 4 and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 11309914601

**LEDGER CODE:** 14311960

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The Fairbanks City Fire and Rescue officials received a call about the fire at approximately 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:** 4:00 PM on April 5, 2012

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

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Unknown number of wood pallets of automotive lubrication products, degreasing and solvent chemicals, paints, lead acid batteries, and other petroleum-based chemicals were involved in the structural fire. A computer was recovered from the structure and examined to recover the on-site oil and hazmat inventory present before the fire.

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

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Structural fire

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

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Spill responders from NorTech Environmental and Engineering, Emerald Alaska, and Inland Petroleum used heavy equipment and hand tools to dig a series of containment ditches around the building to direct the flow of product to collection points. Vacuum trucks and sorbents were deployed to collect and remove free-standing product from the area ponds and road ditches. Approximately 27,500 gallons of an oily water mixture were recovered. The spill impact area was fully identified and covered an area of approximately three acres. Gross contamination of heavily contaminated soil was removed using an excavator and soil borings were used to determine the depth of contamination and effects on groundwater. A full site characterization was completed in the fall of 2011 to identify areas of remaining contamination.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Spill responders initially constructed a series of dikes and ditches to contain the product, or divert it to collection points where it was recovered using a vacuum truck and absorbents. All source material has been removed from the site.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Land, freshwater ponds, parking lot, gravel pad, roadways, and ground water.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The site is being transferred to ADEC's Contaminated Sites Program to be evaluated for additional cleanup and monitoring.

**WEATHER:** Today, sunny, highs 30 to 35 °F, and light winds. Tonight, partly cloudy, lows 10 to 15 °F, and calm winds.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Chief Doug Schrage (University Fire Department)

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

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

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Lhotka, ADEC at (907) 451-2175.

Additional spill information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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