



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



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Shishmaref Chukchi Sea Sheen

SITREP # 3

SPILL #: 14389913501

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 4:30 p.m. December 17, 2014

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): The responsible party is unknown at this time.

INCIDENT LOCATION: Northern coast of Sarichef Island, near the community of Shishmaref.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: On June 4, 2014 a sheen on the nearshore icepack with a gasoline odor was reported to ADEC. A sheen was once again noticed by the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) and reported to ADEC on December 15, 2014 at 1:10 p.m. VPSO noted gasoline odor near the area where sheen was discovered.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The type and amount of product spilled is currently unknown.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the release is unknown.

SOURCE CONTROL: Source control has not been established since the release source is unknown.

RESPONSE ACTION: A Unified Command was established on June 5, 2014 for a similar incident, but the case was closed due to completion of response operations. A Unified Command has again been established in response to this incident. The Unified Command is made up of federal, state and local agencies. ADEC is mobilizing one responder in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard to Shishmaref. The Coast Guard has hired a response contractor, Emerald Alaska, to perform a site assessment. ADEC, Coast Guard, and Emerald personnel will be on site December 19, 2014 to investigate the sheen source.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: An unknown petroleum product is visible on nearshore ice as well as under the ice. At the time of this report there have been no reports of impacted wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC will continue to monitor response actions and work as part of the Unified Command to determine the source of the pollution and work towards remediation.

WEATHER: Tonight: Clear skies with a chance of flurries tonight; lows 30°F; east winds to 4 mph.
Tomorrow: Overcast; highs 35°F; north northwest winds to 14 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC

FOSC: Capt. Paul Mehler, U.S. Coast Guard

LOSC: Barnett Eningowuk, Alaska State Troopers VPSO
Field SOSC: Jessica Starsman, ADEC

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Adamczak, ADEC (907) 451-2124

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sum_fy14/140604301/140604301_index.htm



Unknown product visible under nearshore ice, December 12, 2014. (Photo/Sharon Nayokpuk, Shishmaref Environmental Program)

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