

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

Palmer Off-Ramp

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## FISHER'S FUEL PALMER OFF-RAMP TANKER ROLLOVER

SITREP #: 2 and Final

SPILL #: 15239924701

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 16:00 p.m. January 21, 2016

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Fisher's Fuel, Inc.

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Glenn Highway off-ramp to Palmer

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 12:15 p.m. September 4, 2015

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** The incident was reported to ADEC by the Palmer Police Department at 12:57 p.m. on the same day.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** According to a Fisher's Fuel representative, the truck was hauling a tanker trailer carrying 6,200 gallons of unleaded gasoline at the time of accident. The fuel from the tanker caught on fire when the accident occurred; therefore, the amount of fuel spilled to the environment is unknown.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Ken Barkley, Deputy Director for Matanuska Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough Emergency Services reported the tanker trailer was found unhitched and rolled over. The truck did not rollover with the tanker trailer. What caused the tanker trailer to become unhitched is undetermined.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Due to the fire, source control could not be implemented. Residual free standing fuel was removed from the tank shell using a vacuum truck.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** On October 3, 2015, the Palmer off ramp was closed to excavate the contaminated soil. ADEC closely coordinated with the RP's representative and the Alaska Department of Transportation on the cleanup activity. The cleanup of the contaminated area was completed on the same day and the road was repaired and on October 4. During the cleanup, approximately 780 cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated and transported off site to be temporarily stockpiled awaiting soil remediation.

On January 12, 2016, RP's representative submitted the final cleanup report and the soil remediation plan for ADEC's review and approval.

**RECOURSES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC will review the final report and the soil remediation plan. ADEC will continue to monitor the Fishers Fuels management of the stockpiles and soil remediation activities scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016.

**WEATHER:** Today: Clouds and limited sun; highs around 25°F; north north east winds to 4mph. Tonight: ; lows in 16°F; light winds.

## UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL: Incident Commander: Brad Fisher, Fisher's Fuel, Inc. SOSC: Young Ha, ADEC Field SOSC: Gay Harpole, ADEC

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

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**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:** Please refer to the first SITREP distributed on September 4, 2015 for the agency/stakeholder notification list. The link to the first SITREP can be found in the **Additional Information** box above.