



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



Lynden Truck Hazmat Rollover Richardson Highway

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 16309900801

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 5:00 pm, January 8, 2016

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Lynden, Incorporated (Lynden)

INCIDENT LOCATION: Milepost 299, Richardson Highway

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 12:00 pm, January 8, 2016

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: On January 8, 2016, a southbound Lynden tractor trailer hauling a chemical load left the roadway and tipped over onto its side. The trailer has split and there is a white vapor cloud emanating from the trailer.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: At this time it is unknown which containers are leaking. The truck was carrying a cargo consisting of: 2 totes of fuming nitric acid (>22% concentration); 24 drums of solid sodium hydroxide; 1 tote of liquid sodium hydroxide; 1 tote of hypochlorite; and 6 totes of hydrochloric acid. There is a white vapor cloud emanating from the ruptured trailer.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the spill is currently under investigation.

SOURCE CONTROL: At this time, source control has not been achieved.

RESPONSE ACTION: Lynden has activated NRC Alaska to assist with cleanup. The Fairbanks North Star Borough HAZMAT team has been activated and is on-site with equipment to safely assess the situation and perform offloading operations.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Travel along the Richardson Highway can be expected to be affected. Lynden has two pilot cars on-scene to assist with traffic flow. Offloading operations may impede traffic movement along the affected stretch of roadway due to the presence of heavy equipment and responders. The stretch of highway is three lanes wide in this area and responders are occupying the far right southbound lane for operations. ADEC recommends that any nonessential travel be postponed until the damaged truck, trailer, and contents have been safely removed.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Following a safety assessment from the HAZMAT team that has been dispatched to the scene, offloading operations will occur to safely remove the chemicals on board the trailer. Cargo and contaminated snow will be brought to NRC Alaska for disposal. Once the trailer has been emptied, the wreckage will be towed away from the scene.

WEATHER: Sunny, high 7°F, winds light and variable. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies during the morning hours, will become overcast in the afternoon, high 20°F, winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Richard Hennigan, Lynden, Incorporated

SOSC: Ashley Adamczak, ADEC

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



Figure 1. Map of general area, location of truck rollover marked by a red star.



Figure 2. Lynden tractor and trailer on its side, off the roadway. The trailer has split and the white vapor emitting from the rupture is likely due to a chemical reaction. [Photo: NRC Alaska]

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