



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

Kaktovik Tank KAK-70 ULSD Release

SITREP # 1

SPILL #: 17399900901

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m., January 10, 2017

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): North Slope Borough (NSB)

INCIDENT LOCATION: 4th Street, Kaktovik, Alaska (Lat/Long: 70.126559, -143.618159)

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill was discovered on January 9, 2017 following a storm event, when a local NSB supervisor attempted to fill equipment from the pump house at 2:15 p.m. The NSB verbally reported the discovery of the spill to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) at 3:20 p.m. on January 9, 2017.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The product released was ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD), which was spilled from an aboveground storage tank with a total capacity of 5,000 gallons. Currently, the spill volume is unknown and being assessed. The tank, located on a gravel pad, was last filled on December 22, 2016. Based on fuel records, the NSB estimates that at the time of the release the tank contained approximately 4,000 gallons of ULSD, which represents the maximum potential spill volume.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The fuel line that connects the 5,000 gallon tank to a pump house broke following a strong winter storm event. The NSB and ADEC are investigating the cause of the line break, which is currently unknown.

SOURCE CONTROL: The spill from the fuel line break had ceased by the time of discovery on January 9, 2017.

RESPONSE ACTION: Response efforts are being coordinated between the NSB, ADEC and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) through a Unified Command. Two local NSB response contractors are working to delineate the spill site. Containment efforts include the construction of snow berms to mitigate further impact and spread of the ULSD. The area is covered by snow and ice, which serves to limit the spread of oil and protect the underlying tundra until cleanup can occur.

The NSB has reported that the release has not resulted in facility closures. There is no fuel shortage for the community. No injuries have been reported

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources affected include the gravel pad and adjacent roadway ditches. Potentially affected areas include snow covered tundra. The Kaktovik Lagoon, which connects to the Beaufort Sea, is 0.25 miles from the release site and is not reported as having been impacted.



The release occurred outside of the Kaktovik Drinking Water Protection Area and there are no concerns of impact to drinking water. No impacts to wildlife have been reported. One polar bear was spotted at the edge of the community of Kaktovik, but did not approach town.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The NSB is sending a representative and additional spill responders to Kaktovik. The crews are expected to arrive tomorrow (January 11, 2017). Upon arrival, they will assist with the spill delineation and the start of cleanup actions. Cleanup and disposal plans have been requested by ADEC. ADEC is sending a representative to the community to monitor spill response actions and investigate the cause of the release.

WEATHER: Currently weather conditions are clear with temperatures of 14 °F and winds from the SW at 16 mph, with wind chill feels like – 2 °F. Tonight clouds are expected to develop with lows of 14 °F and winds from the W at 25 to 35 mph. Tomorrow clouds are expected with a high of 22 °F and low of -6 °F, winds are expected from the W at 25 to 35 mph. There is a 50% chance of snow through tomorrow.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Morrie Lemen, Jr., NSB
SOSC: Ashley Adamczak, ADEC
FOSC: Jessica Stock, USCG

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 1:00 pm on January 11, 2017

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Public Information Officer, Candice Bressler (907) 465-5009

This SITREP and additional photos will be available at the following website:

http://www.dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_active.htm



Photo showing the broken fuel line between the 5,000 gallon tank and pump house, January 9, 2017.
(Photo/NSB)

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST: This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor’s office, State Emergency Operations Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state agencies. This situation report was also distributed to the following agencies and stakeholders:

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