



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention Preparedness and Response Program
SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)

Day Tank Overflow of Diesel-Learning Center Bethel



SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 18279900801

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 10:00 am January 11, 2018

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Yuut Elitnaurviat People's Learning Center

INCIDENT LOCATION: 610 Akiachak Dr. Bethel, Alaska

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Between 5:00 pm January 8, 2018 and 8:00 am January 9, 2018

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: The spill was discovered at 8:00 am on January 9, 2018 by Yuut Elitnaurviat maintenance personnel.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The PRP reported approximately 3,000 gallons of diesel were released.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The automatic shut off for the day tank was not operational. Maintenance personnel manually operated the pump, transferring product from a 4,000 gallon feeder tank to a day tank. The pump was left on resulting in overfill of the day tank.

SOURCE CONTROL: The pump was shut off by maintenance staff immediately upon discovery of the spill.

RESPONSE ACTION: The PRP activated a response contractor Alaska Chadux Corporation (Chadux). The PRP, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) formed a Unified Command. Five Chadux responders arrived on site January 9th establishing site control and initiating spill response using absorbents. One more Chadux responder and additional response equipment, including a pump arrived on January 10th. By the end of the operational period January 10th, approximately 400 gallons of diesel and water was recovered from the spill site and transferred into temporary containment. One ADEC responder was deployed to Bethel on January 10th.

At this time the building will remain open. Responders have roped off the release area and the release is away from the building's access points and air intakes.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: The release occurred on the building pad and in the adjacent wetland around the school building. Browns Slough is north of the wetland. Responders reported that the release appears to be in a natural depression and does not appear to have migrated outside the initial spill footprint.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Response activities will focus on active recovery of free product and prevention of migration of the release.

WEATHER: Thursday: Clear, 11° F, Wind 13 mph; Friday forecast: Mostly Cloudy, 24° F, Wind 17 mph

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Tiffany Tony, Director of Operations, Yuut Elitnaurviat

SOSC: Geoff Merrell, ADEC

FOSCr: PO Ben Conger, USCG Sector Anchorage

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

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http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/PPR/response/sr_fy18.htm



Aerial photograph of Yuut Elitnaurviat People's Learning Center release location from Google Earth.



Photograph of release site courtesy of Yuut Elitnaurviat

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