

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: ARRC Engine Tank Spill, MP 81 **SITREP #:** 1

SPILL NUMBER: 06239933701 **LEDGER CODE:** Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 2:30 PM, December 3, 2006. Alaska Railroad Corporation notified the Alaska State Troopers who reported the spill to ADEC on December 3, 2006 at 3:00 PM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 11:00 AM December 4, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM December 5, 2006

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) estimates approximately 1200 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from the 1300 gallon locomotive fuel tank. The diesel spill spread for approximately one-half mile along the railroad ballast.

LOCATION: MP 81, Alaska Railroad near Bird Point. MP 77 to MP 88 was secured by the ARRC.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The locomotive struck a rock on the track. The rock hit the 1300 gallon locomotive fuel tank and punctured it creating a two-inch hole.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Alaska Railroad Corporation

RESPONSE ACTION: ARRC crew members stopped the train after discovering the spill from the locomotive fuel tank and deployed liner material underneath the tank and attempted to stop the leak. The pooled fuel on the liner was transferred to two drums and four drums of saturated absorbent were recovered from the site.

The ARRC emergency response team and an ADEC spill responder attempted to delineate the spill last night to determine where the fuel may be migrating from the 2000 feet of impacted railway ballast. They determined that the fuel was spread along a steady stream from the locomotive that was traveling at an estimated speed of 35 miles per hour covering approximately 2000 feet of railway ballast. The heaviest concentration of fuel was located where the locomotive was stopped.

ARRC personnel were on-scene at Bird Point last night with heavy equipment and spill response equipment. Further cleanup actions will be determined this morning when visibility improves.

SOURCE CONTROL: ARRC attempted to stop fuel from two inch hole and the locomotive was removed from site.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The railroad ballast area between tracks in the spill area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: USCG, ADEC and adjoining landowner, Chugach State Park Superintendent, will meet on-site this morning with ARRC to evaluate the spill impacts and ARRC spill response tactics. ARRC is developing a cleanup action plan for ADEC and USCG review and approval.

WEATHER: Today mostly cloudy, 19 degrees F highs in the 30s, tonight mostly cloudy, lows in the 20s and light winds.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Marc Peterson (ARRC)
 F.O.S.C. : Capt. DeVries (USCG)
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)
 Field S.O.S.C.: Frank Wesser (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Wesser, phone: 269-3062.
 Photographs and other spill information will be available later today for viewing at:
<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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