

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Wrangell Seafoods Chlorine Release

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04991128701

LEDGER CODE: N/A

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Wrangell Seafoods, Inc. discovered the release at approximately 6:30 PM on October 13, 2004 and notified the Wrangell Fire Department who notified ADEC via the Spill Report Line at 7:00 PM on October 13, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:30 PM on October 14, 2004

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Chlorine Gas. The Wrangell Fire Department estimated that amount released as 30 pounds. The 125 pound cylinder was reported to be approximately 50 % full at the time of the release and approximately 25% is left in the cylinder.

LOCATION: Wrangell Seafoods, Inc. facility at Wrangell, Alaska. (Lat: 56° 28 'N; Long: 132.2°W)

CAUSE OF SPILL: The Wrangell Fire Department reported that the release was caused by a leak in the cylinder valve, probably due to corrosion and lack of maintenance.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Wrangell Seafoods, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: As soon as the leak was detected by the foreman of Wrangell Seafoods, Inc. all employees were evacuated from the facility. The Wrangell Fire Department responded to the release in level 'A' suits and secured the valve of the cylinder by 8:00 PM on October 13, 2004. The valve was secured in place using an 'A' Kit. The 'A' Kit is a temporary device used to secure the valve in place to prevent further release. ADEC staff consulted with the Anchorage Hazmat Team and conveyed their recommendation for response to the Wrangell Fire Department. The Fire Department transported the cylinder to a secured area awaiting proper disposal.

SOURCE CONTROL: The valve was secured by the Wrangell Fire Department using an 'A' Kit.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The chlorine dissipated into the air towards the ocean. No injuries were reported. The Wrangell Fire Department reported that there was no residual chlorine detected in the area of release today.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC is working with Wrangell Seafoods, Inc. and the City of Wrangell with technical assistance from the Assistant Fire Chief in Ketchikan to discuss disposal options. ADEC has advised Wrangell Seafoods, Inc. to contact the manufacturer of the chlorine for assistance on the disposal issue.

WEATHER: Light Rain, foggy and ~ 50°

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Levi Dow (Wrangell Seafoods, Inc.)
S.O.S.C.:	Bob Mattson (ADEC)
Field S.O.S.C.:	Bob Fultz (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Fultz, ADEC at 723-6037 or 225-6200.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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ADFG	Mark Fink	Email		267-2338	267-2464
ADFG (Habitat)	Jackie Timothy	Email	Sent via Spill Report Group		
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