

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Sterling Gravel Pit Vehicle Fluids

SITREP #: 5

SPILL NUMBER: 08239912601

LEDGER CODE: 14260660

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: On Monday, May 5, 2008, ADEC received a report from Mr. Al Self, of vehicles collecting at a gravel pit in Sterling, some of which were leaking various fluids.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM on June 13, 2008.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 11:00 AM on June 20, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An undetermined amount of vehicle fluids including glycol, engine lube oil, transmission oil, brake fluids, hydraulic fluids, and differential lubrication.

LOCATION: Chumley's Gravel Pit, Sterling

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause was reportedly due to human error when vehicles that had not been drained of fluids were stacked into piles of vehicles that were free of fluids. During this period, many of the vehicles had damage done to parts of vehicles where fluids are held, causing leakage.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ronald Smith, Peninsula Scrap and Salvage

RESPONSE ACTIONS: Vehicles continue to be crushed, wrapped, and transported off site after being drained of all fluids in a contained area.

A sampling grid was placed in the pit on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, by the environmental engineer guiding the cleanup according to the plan approved by ADEC. The soil sampling began on Thursday, June 12, 2008. Contaminated soil discovered during the sampling process is being collected and placed in a lined area for later disposal at Alaska Soil Recycling (ASR) in Anchorage.

SOURCE CONTROL: Vehicles from the original stack have been moved to liners and vehicle fluids are being collected.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Soil in the pit and there is concern that the shallow water table could be impacted.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue to drain fluids in vehicles that have not been drained and continue processing vehicles to get the pit cleared. All vehicles are expected to be removed from the pit by the end of next week. An environmental assessment has begun to determine any environmental impact and address with removal of any contaminated soil. Collection of soil and groundwater samples will be conducted by the environmental engineer and sent to a lab for analysis.

WEATHER: Today light winds, cloudy with highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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S.O.S.C: Gary Folley (ADEC)

R.P.I.C: Ron Smith (Peninsula Scrap and Salvage)

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