

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Deadhorse Used Oil Spill

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL NUMBER:** 08399914401

**LEDGER CODE:** Requested

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** Management staff at the Caribou Inn discovered the spill on May 23, 2008 at 1:00 PM and the spill was reported to ADEC by CCI on May 23, 2008 at 3:09 PM.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM on May 27, 2008

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 3:00 PM on May 29, 2008

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Unknown type and unknown amount. The initial report from CCI estimated 20 gallons of what appears to be used oil on water; and potentially 200 gallons in snow pack. The spill area is tundra wetland, covered with snow removed from a gravel pad.

**LOCATION:** Behind the Caribou Inn in Deadhorse,

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** A 2,500-gallon aboveground storage tank was moved by Deadhorse lease holders during the past winter season and temporarily staged near the Caribou Inn. The tank was staged upright, but during the breakup the tank rolled off and sheared the vent, releasing its contents to the wetlands. Detailed investigation into the cause is ongoing.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Unknown at this time, ADEC is investigating the ownership of the tank.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** CCI, a North Slope spill response contractor notified ADEC of the release, and voluntarily performed a preliminary assessment and sent spill responders and resources to the spill location. CCI has six responders working the day shift and two responders working during the night shift. ADEC requested British Petroleum Exploration Alaska (BPXA) to assist in the response. BPXA provided a safety evaluation, source control, cleanup resources and labor through their response contractor Alaska Clean Seas. Responders implemented bird hazing tactics, set boom in the wetlands to contain the release, up-righted the tank, recovered 85 barrels of oily water from the wetland, and established passive spill recovery tactics. Oil continues to be releasing from the snow pile pushed onto the wetland and is being contained with boom and recovered.

CCI continues bird hazing to deter water fowl from the wetland site. ADEC has a representative on site monitoring the cleanup, bird hazing, and investigating tank ownership.

The spilled oil is being analyzed by a North Slope laboratory to determine appropriate disposal options.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The source was controlled when the tank was moved and stabilized.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** ADEC estimated that approximately 20,000 square feet area of wetland tundra vegetation was affected by the spill.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC is investigating the tank ownership and other leads to assess the responsible party. ADEC is expecting analytical results by tomorrow to determine waste disposal options.

**WEATHER:** Cloudy, <10 mph winds, 35° F.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: John Lervig, CCI  
 F.O.S.C.: Carl Lautenberger, EPA  
 S.O.S.C.: Ed Meggert, ADEC  
 Field S.O.S.C. Wesley Ghormley, ADEC

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ed Meggert, ADEC, 451-2124

Photographs and other spill information will be available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

This SITREP has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, Senator Stevens' office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, USFS and NOAA in addition to the following.

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