

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Big State Logistics Glenn Highway Rollover

SITREP #: 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 10239928001

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The Alaska State Troopers notified ADEC at 4:14 PM on Thursday, October 7, 2010, that a tanker truck had rolled on the Glenn Highway.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM on October 8, 2010

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This will be the only situation report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Number 1 ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. Based on the volume of fuel removed from the overturned tanker, ADEC estimates that 2,464 gallons were spilled.

LOCATION: Near milepost 78 of the Glenn Highway, at the intersection with Chickaloon Road, about 17 miles east of Sutton and 73 miles northeast of Anchorage.

CAUSE OF SPILL: A semi-tractor-trailer operated by Big State Logistics overturned while traveling east on the Glenn Highway and came to rest on its side against the guardrail. The cause of the rollover is under investigation. Fuel from the damaged tank trailer, which contained 8,800 gallons, spilled onto the highway shoulder and down the adjacent slope toward the confluence of the Chickaloon and Matanuska Rivers. Initial reports were that fuel had entered the Matanuska River, but at this time no fuel has been observed in the water and ADEC does not consider the spill an imminent threat to the river.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Big State Logistics, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: Mat-Su emergency crews and the Alaska State Troopers were at the incident site before 5:00 PM. A Mat-Su responder reported that some highway travelers (unidentified to ADEC) made the first efforts to secure leaking hatches on the tank trailer. Mat-Su responders continued efforts to stop leaks from the trailer and began mopping up spilled fuel with sorbents. Fuel tanks on the tractor remained intact.

Two ADEC responders arrived on-scene shortly after 6:00 PM to provide additional response supplies and to assist with and oversee the cleanup. They reported that fuel had stained the ground from the highway approximately halfway down the slope above the river. The PRP mobilized its own personnel from Valdez and Fairbanks and a crew contracted from Emerald Services in Palmer for the response. During the night, the Emerald crew removed approximately 6,336 gallons of fuel remaining in the tank trailer, as well as 170 gallons of fuel from the tractor's fuel tanks, before the truck and trailer were righted and hauled to Palmer.

SOURCE CONTROL: Leaks on the tank trailer were stopped and the trailer emptied and removed from the site.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The Glenn Highway was closed periodically at the incident site to facilitate the response. No wildlife impacts have been reported.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: An environmental contractor hired by the PRP is expected on site this morning to begin developing a cleanup plan for ADEC approval. The spill site will be evaluated and monitored for potential impacts to the river.

WEATHER: Today – patchy morning fog, mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers after noon; high in the mid 40's to lower 50's F; light wind. Tonight – mostly cloudy with a chance of evening rain showers, low in the 30's F, light wind. Tomorrow – partly cloudy, high around 50° F, light wind.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Brian Evans (Big State Logistics, Inc.)
 F.O.S.C.: n/a
 S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley (ADEC)
 Field S.O.S.C.: John Brown (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brown, ADEC, (907) 269-7688

Photographs and other spill information are available at: www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm

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Location



Spill area along Glenn Highway



ADEC photo

Wrecked tractor-trailer



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