



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

## **Galena Flooding Event 2013**



**SITREP # 1**

**SPILL #:** 13309914702

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 4:30 p.m. on June 7, 2013

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Multiple locations within the city of Galena were contaminated during the spring 2013 flooding event. Galena is located on the Yukon River, approximately 270 air miles west of Fairbanks.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The spills are the result of flooding that began in Galena on May 27, 2013.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** At this time ADEC has identified the following potential sources of contamination: drums containing motor oil, pallets of batteries and dislodged fuel tanks. The quantity of contaminants released is unknown.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** An ice jam developed on the Yukon River during spring melting, flooding the city. Floodwaters dislodged and damaged fuel tanks and other containers of hazardous materials.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** An assessment is on going to determine potential sources of contamination.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** On June 2, 2013, at the request of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS &EM), an ADEC responder conducted a preliminary evaluation of the extent of contamination in Galena. Based on that assessment, DHS&EM requested that ADEC provide a technical specialist to oversee the cleanup and removal of hazardous materials from the community.

An ADEC responder is currently on-site and working with DHS&EM, the City of Galena and response contractors to develop a cleanup plan. At this time no recovery has taken place. Boom has been placed at culvert openings to prevent migration of contaminants to the Yukon River. Local residents trained in working with hazardous materials have been identified to assist with the cleanup.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Contaminants have been identified in public use areas.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC will continue to monitor the response and review plans being developed to clean up contaminated soil from public areas of the community. Initial response priorities include: stabilizing the City's heating oil tanks, stabilizing drums that are accessible on City property, stabilizing and containerizing oil-filled, pole-mounted electrical transformers that are not labeled PCB-free, monitoring the boom at the culverts, developing a drum storage area, removing all standing pools of contaminants and flagging off unsafe areas to prevent community exposure.

**WEATHER:** Tonight: Partly cloudy; low 41°F; northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.  
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy; high 64°F; winds less than 5 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Glenn Farnsworth, DHS&amp;EM

SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC

Field SOSC: John Ebel, ADEC

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** 3:00 p.m. on June 10, 2013**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom DeRuyter, ADEC (907) 451-2145

Destabilized drums at Galena City Power House, June 2, 2013. (Photo/ADEC)

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