

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Emmonak Fuel Release

SITREP #: 2

SPILL NUMBER: 05279913901

LEDGER CODE: 14149560

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The oil sheen was first observed by the Emmonak Water Department on May 14, 2005. The spill notification was reported by Kwikpak Fishery at 12:00 AM, May 19, 2005 to the National Response Center (NRC). ADEC was notified of the release by U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) at 2:15 PM on May 19, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM, May 23, 2005

TIME/DATE OF NEXT REPORT: As situation warrants

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Diesel and bilge water. Total volume of the spill at this time is unknown until further investigation. USCG estimated that each abandoned landing crafts (LCM) contains between 500 to 1000 gallons of diesel.

LOCATION: Emmonak is located at the mouth of the Yukon River, 10 miles from the Bering Sea. The spill location is 0.25 mile from Kwiguk Pass. Emmonak lies 120 air miles northwest of Bethel.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the discharge has been reported to be from 4 abandoned LCMs (56 feet by 14 feet) partially submerged in the river. As of May 21, 2005, the river level has dropped below the LCMs fuel vents, stopping the fuel discharge.

A 100 foot non-propelled ship called the South Pacific is also currently aground in the Yukon River after the flood eroded the bank. Unknown if South Pacific has discharged any oil.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Yukon Delta Fisherman's Marketing Co-op (currently inactive)

RESPONSE ACTION: The Emmonak Water Department will turn the surface water intake back on May 23, 2005. This decision was reached after consulting with USCG and Division of Emergency Response on May 22, 2005. Incident Management Team from the Division of Emergency Services will arrive in Emmonak on May 24, 2005 to assess the impact to the city's water supply due to fuel discharge.

The USCG and additional personnel from PENCO arrived at Emmonak on May 21, 2005. Equipment for the cleanup will be staged May 24, 2005 and the cleanup will commence on May 25, 2005. The LCMs will be lightered and four vessels partially submerged in water will be pulled further up the river bank. After the LCMs are secured, additional cleanup to remove any remaining fuel will take place. South Pacific is currently on mud and sand aground approximately 80 feet from the water edge. The vessel will be moored up to the bank and fuel will be removed. USCG estimates approximately 1000 gallons of fuel is on board. The amount of fuel released is still unknown.

SOURCE CONTROL: PENCO deployed boom around vessels to contain oil sheen. The river water level has also dropped, stopping the fuel discharge.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Various shore birds, waterfowl, and salmon inhabit the area. However, no impacts to wildlife or shoreline have been observed by the USCG or the community.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: USCG will remain on site to monitor the incident status. ADEC will monitor the incident status from Anchorage and deploy personnel as needed.

WEATHER: Partly cloudy. Areas of dense fog in the morning. Visibility one quarter mile or less at times in the morning. Highs 40 to 55. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander	Jack Gadwill, Kwipak Fisheries
F.O.S.C.	Mike Mitchell (USCG)
S.O.S.C.	John Brown (ADEC)

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