

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Emmonak Fuel Release

SITREP #: 4 and final

SPILL NUMBER: 05279913901

LEDGER CODE: 14149560

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The oil sheen was first observed on the Yukon River 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). Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (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: 10:00 AM, June 15, 2005

TIME/DATE OF NEXT REPORT: This is the final report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Diesel and bilge water. The total volume of the spill is unknown. A total of 5,500 gallons of diesel and 20,000 gallons of oily water were removed from seven abandoned mechanized landing crafts (LCM) and the non propelled vessel, South Pacific.

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 discharge was caused by five of the seven abandoned LCMs (56 feet by 14 feet) partially submerged by flood water in the Yukon River. The LCMs were lightered and pulled further up the river bank to stop any 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. It is unknown if the South Pacific has discharged any oil.

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

RESPONSE ACTION: The cleanup and lightering operation commenced on May 25, 2005. Lightering of the seven LCMs and the South Pacific were completed between June 8, 2005 and June 9, 2005. A total of 5,500 gallons of diesel and approximately 20,000 gallons of oily water were recovered from the vessels. The recovered diesel was properly disposed at the city of Emmonak and the oily water was treated on site by the contractor. The following recovered materials will be shipped to Anchorage for treatment/processing: 22 drums of dirty off-spec diesel, 22 supersacks of used carbon, and 14 drums of oily waste. Two USCG on site monitors departed Emmonak on June 10, 2005.

SOURCE CONTROL: All seven LCMs and the South Pacific were lightered, stopping any potential fuel discharge. The seven LCMs were also pulled further up the river bank.

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

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: USCG will track the progress of contractor demobilization and material shipment.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with lows 40 to 45, North winds to 15 mph becoming West after midnight.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander	Jack Gadwill, Kwikpak Fisheries
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S.O.S.C.

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