

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** AEA Akiachak Tank Farm

**SITREP #:** 1st and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 03279936401

**LEDGER CODE:** Requested

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The actual time of the spill is unknown. The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) tank farm operator reported the spill to ADEC at 12:00 p.m. December 30, 2003.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 11:30 a.m. December 31, 2003

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** None, this is the final report.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** ADEC responder on site estimated 300 gallons of #1 fuel oil.

**LOCATION:** New Akiachak tank farm construction site. Akiachak is located on the west bank of the Kuskokwim River on the Yukon-Kuskokwin Delta. It lies 18 miles northeast of Bethel.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Fuel apparently leaked from a 5000-gallon isotank owned by the STG, Inc. a Contractor hired by the AEA. The cause of the spill is under investigation.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** AEA

**RESPONSE ACTION:** An immediate action by the tank farm operator was to deploy sorbent sweep as depicted in the attached photo. The spill site is frozen which provided additional containment for the spilled fuel.

On the afternoon of December 30, 2003, a responder from the ADEC Bethel Field Office drove to Akiachak on the Kuskokwim River ice road to assess the situation and provide cleanup assistance. The responder provided additional absorbent materials to contain and collect the spill as well as providing assistance to the local residents' cleanup efforts.

Later that evening, a crew sent from Anchorage by STG, Inc., the tank farm contractor, arrived at the site and continued the cleanup. Staff from the ADEC Bethel Field Office will monitor the cleanup until it is completed.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The leak has slowed or stopped. The suspected isotank will be removed from the site and placed in secondary containment.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** The spill is currently confined to the tank farm construction site. It is within 20 yards of the Kuskokwim River and is approximately 0.5 miles west of the village of Akiachak. A primary objective for the cleanup is to recover product prior to break-up to ensure there is no river impact.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Once the free product has been collected, contaminated snow, ice, and soil will be removed from the site. STG, Inc. has hired an environmental consulting firm to draft a cleanup workplan for ADEC approval including waste disposal plans, and to provide on-site cleanup guidance.

**WEATHER:** Temperature 7 degrees F; wind southeast @ 3 mph; scattered clouds @ 100 feet; visibility 1/2 mile, mist.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Jim St. George, STG, Inc.  
 F.O.S.C. :  
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley  
 Field S.O.S.C.: Randy Dowd

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randy Dowd, ADEC Bethel Field Office, 907-543-3215

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

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Looking northeast at the spill site. The green isotank on the far right is the suspected source of the spill.