

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: City of Galena diesel spill

SITREP#: 2 and final

SPILL NUMBER: 04309915701

LEDGER CODE: Not assigned

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill occurred at an unknown time, but was discovered at 9:48 am on June 5, 2004. The spill was reported by the City of Galena to the troopers immediately, who reported it to ADEC by 10 am.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 8:30 am, June 10, 2004

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The City of Galena estimates approximately 1000 gallons of #2 diesel.

LOCATION: The spill occurred approximately 100 feet from the Yukon River near the barge delivery header, Galena.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The City of Galena utilities manager suspects that the rupture of the underground barge delivery pipeline made from High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) was due to the freezing and thawing of the ground resulting in stressing the pipe to the point of rupture.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): City of Galena.

RESPONSE ACTION: An estimated 550 gallons of free product was recovered from the spill site. Approximately 200 – 250 cubic yards of contaminated soil was removed and placed on a liner. ADEC staff traveled out to Galena to provide assistance on any remaining cleanup efforts on June 8, 2004. At this time there is an unknown amount of residual contamination remaining at the site. However due to the close depth of groundwater and a significant amount of clay, no further excavation activities are planned.

The contaminated soil will remain in Galena and the City will attempt to remediate the soil via biological activity. Samples will be taken of the contaminated soil stockpile to confirm adequacy of remediation activities.

SOURCE CONTROL: The response crew hooked a compressor up to the line to pump the remaining diesel in the line back into the city's fuel tank.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Surrounding soil was impacted. No observed impact to the Yukon River or any wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Make repairs necessary to get the line back into operation. Fuel delivery has been postponed due to the re-design of the barge delivery header. A contractor will be hired by the city to take samples documenting the remaining levels of contamination.

WEATHER: Partly cloudy, 43 degrees Fahrenheit, southwest winds 5-10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander	Walt Wilcox, Utilities Manager, City of Galena
F.O.S.C.....	Matt Carr, EPA
S.O.S.C.....	Ed Meggert, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.....	Amanda Leffel, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Leffel, 451-2175.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

Agency/Organization	Name	Sent via	Additional Info	Telephone	FAX
ADNR	Leon Lynch/ Gary Schultz	Fax		451-2724/ 451-2732	451-2751
ADNR (Habitat)	Al Ott/Jack Winters	Fax		459-7285 or 459-7279	456-3091
USCG	Cpt. Ron Morris	Fax		271-6700/6708	271-6751
USEPA	Matt Carr/ Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-5083 or 257-1342	271-3424
DOI	Doug Mutter/Pamela Bergmann	Fax		(907) 271-5011	271-4102
Legislature					
Legislator (Senate T)	Donnie Olson (D)	Fax	Nome	465-3707	465-4821
Legislator (House 39)	Richard Foster (D)	Fax	Nome	465-3789 or (800) 478-3789	465-3242
Legislator (House 40)	Reggie Joule (D)	Fax	Kotzebue	465-4833 or (800) 782-4833	465-4586
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Tanana Chiefs Conference	Pete Wallace	Fax		452-8251 x 3433	459-3989
North West Arctic Borough	Roswell Schaeffer, Sr.	Fax	Mayor	442-2500	442-2930



Spill site with the Yukon River in the background