

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Askinuk Tank Farm

SITREP #: 2 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 04279925201

LEDGER CODE: 14136060

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Night of September 8 and morning of September 9, 2004. The Alaska State Troopers' office relayed the Askinuk Corporation's spill report to ADEC at 9:44 AM, September 10, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM, Monday, September 13, 2004.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Askinuk representatives estimated that 1,000 to 1,500 gallons of unleaded gasoline were spilled into the tank farm secondary containment area.

LOCATION: Askinuk Corporation Tank Farm, Village of Scammon Bay, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Unleaded gasoline was being pumped from a bulk fuel tank into a a three-thousand (3,000) gallon compartment of a six-thousand (6,000) gallon day tank. The operator left the fuel transfer pump on overnight, and gasoline was discharged through the tank's vent into the tank farm.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Askinuk Corporation (Askinuk), Scammon Bay, Alaska.

RESPONSE ACTION: Efforts to identify resources within the village of Scammon Bay to accomplish the cleanup were unsuccessful. Given the immediate health and safety concerns, Askinuk and ADEC agreed that ADEC would assume responsibility for the cleanup of the spill, and would hire a contractor to perform the cleanup.

Emerald Alaska, Inc. has been contracted by ADEC to respond to this incident. An ADEC responder along with four emergency cleanup responders and equipment from Emerald Alaska, Inc. traveled to Scammon Bay on Saturday, September 11, 2004. While monitoring the site for explosive conditions, the responders pumped gasoline and contaminated water from the secondary containment into an empty 10,000 gallon tank, then mopped up individual "hot spots" with oil-absorbent pads. The responders completed the cleanup on Sunday morning, September 12, 2004. They demobilized the cleanup equipment and departed Scammon Bay late Sunday afternoon.

SOURCE CONTROL: The transfer pump was shut down.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The spilled gasoline was contained within the tank farm's secondary containment system. Some contamination remains in the gravel on top of the secondary containment liner, but the liner should prevent its migration outside of the tank farm. Scammon Bay residents were unable to obtain gasoline or fuel oil during the three (3) days that the tank farm was shut down and public access was prohibited. On Sunday, September 12, 2004, ADEC staff determined that the tank farm could safely be operated, and it was opened for operation.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC staff will work with Askinuk representatives to treat and dispose the recovered gasoline, the gasoline-contaminated water, and the contaminated oil-absorbent materials generated by the cleanup. ADEC staff will also monitor the treatment of contaminated gravel remaining in the tank farm, and will provide spill prevention advice to Askinuk managers. ADEC shall also coordinate with the tank farm operators to develop prevention measures.

WEATHER: During the cleanup, winds were out of the west at 10-16 knots, clouds at 2500'-3500' broken, 45-55 degrees F, and occasional rain showers.

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ADEC photo: Emerald Alaska Inc. cleanup crew working in the tank farm.



ADEC photo: An overview of the village with the tank farm on the right.