

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Emmonak Fuel Release

**SITREP #:** 1

**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:** 1:00 PM, May 20, 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 of the six 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 6 abandoned LCMs (4 LCM in river partially submerged and 2 LCM on the river bank). A 100 foot non-propelled ship called the South Pacific is currently adrift in the Yukon River after the flood eroded the bank. Unknown if South Pacific has discharged any oil. LCMs are 56 feet by 14 feet. The LCMs are reported to be abandoned since 1999 and South Pacific is reported to be abandoned since 2000.

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

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Water intake for the community has been shut off due to oil sheen being in the vicinity of surface water intakes. Pacific Environmental Corporation (PENCO), who is in Emmonak working on an unrelated spill, was contacted by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to monitor the situation from the spill location. PENCO deployed boom around vessels to contain oil sheen.

On the morning of May 20, 2005, the Emmonak Water Department reported that the oil sheen was not observed in the vicinity of the surface water intake. Today, the Emmonak Water Department is setting up the water intake system for the summer. They will continue to monitor for oil sheening in the vicinity of the water intake. The operator advised that 14 feet of water is currently in their storage tank, which is enough water for three to four days.

The USCG is planning to send out two representatives to monitor the incident tomorrow. PENCO is on standby to respond to the spill and fuel removal from LCMs upon USCG approval.

Additional personnel from PENCO will be heading to Emmonak today.

The Emmonak community held a meeting at 7:00 PM May 19, 2005 to discuss possible actions. The meeting concluded with plans to hire locals with hazardous material training to pump oil from the LCMs. A teleconference meeting will be held between ADEC, USCG, a former member of the Yukon Delta Fishermans Marketing Co-op, and Kwikpak Fishery at 2:00 PM to discuss current situation and spill response options.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** PENCO deployed boom around vessels to contain oil sheen.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Various shore birds, waterfowl, and salmon inhabit the area. However, no impacts to wildlife has been observed by the community.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Two representatives from the USCG will be sent to Emmonak on May 21, 2005 to monitor incident status. ADEC will monitor the incident status from Anchorage and deploy personnel as needed.

**WEATHER:** Decreasing clouds. Highs 40 to 50. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

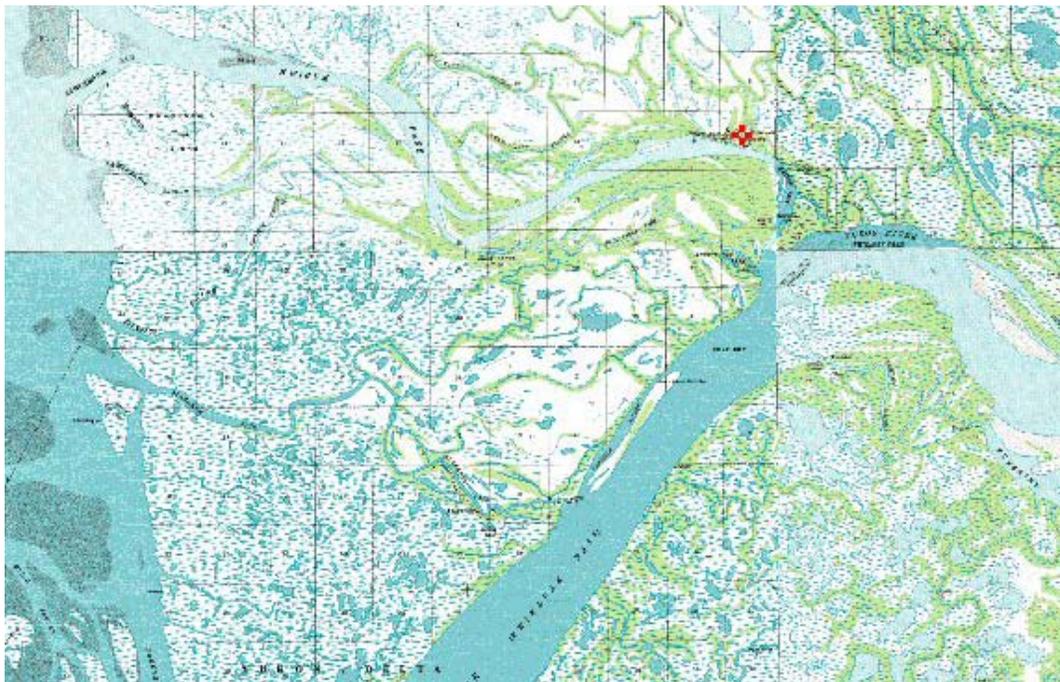
Incident Commander	Edward Andrews, Member of the Yukon Delta Fishermans Marketing Co-op
F.O.S.C.	Mike Mitchell (USCG)
S.O.S.C.	John Brown (ADEC)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Area location of Emmonak.**