

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Mile 3.0 Quartz Creek Road Used Oil Response **SITREP #:** 2

SPILL NUMBER: 11239918602 **LEDGER CODE:** 14314160

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill was discovered and reported to ADEC on Wednesday July 6, 2011.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on July 14, 2011

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: ADEC estimates that as much as 50 gallons of used oil was intentionally dumped into a fresh water pond.

LOCATION: Mile 3.0 Quartz Creek Road, Cooper Landing. Cooper Landing is on the Kenai Peninsula, approximately 100 road miles from Anchorage.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The spill appears to have been intentional. This case is being referred to the Department of Law, Environmental Crimes Unit.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Unknown

RESPONSE ACTION: ADEC personnel responded on the evening of July 6, 2011, and began response efforts by deploying sorbent materials on the surface of the pond and marked off the area with caution tape. ADEC contracted with Emerald Alaska Inc. to conduct the cleanup of the spill. Emerald started recovery efforts on Saturday July 9, 2011 and worked recovering product with a crew of five responders. As of Wednesday July 13, 2011, the responders collected approximately 4 cubic yards of oiled sorbents and debris from the pond. Since the spill occurred on Wednesday July 6, 2011, the water level in the pond has dropped over 12 inches which complicated recovery efforts. Active recovery efforts were halted on the evening of Wednesday, July 13.

SOURCE CONTROL: The oil spilled from a 55-gallon drum, which was empty when it was discovered.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The entire surface and shoreline of the one acre pond have been impacted by the oil. No oil has left the pond. The one acre pond was man made in the 1980's as part of a mining operation. No fish have been identified in the pond. The pond is used by a variety of waterfowl and mammals in the area. There have been no reports of oiled birds or mammals. Adjacent waterways of Crescent Creek and Quartz Creek have not been impacted by the oil. The Quartz and Crescent Creek are high recreational areas and are connected to the Kenai River Special Management Area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Sorbent material remains on the surface of the pond and will be monitored by ADEC. When the water level rises back to the level present at the time of the discharge, ADEC will re-assess the need for additional cleanup.

WEATHER: Tonight – partly cloudy, low temperature in the 40's °F. Tomorrow – sunny, high in the 60's °F.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Fritz, ADEC, (907) 262-3419

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Pond surface oiling July 06, 2011



Emulsified product on surface of pond



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