



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

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Galena Flooding Event 2013

SITREP # 2

SPILL #: 13309914702

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. on June 10, 2013

INCIDENT LOCATION: Multiple locations within the city of Galena were contaminated during the spring 2013 flooding event. Galena is located on the Yukon River, approximately 270 air miles west of Fairbanks.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spills are the result of flooding that began in Galena on May 27, 2013.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: At this time ADEC has identified the following potential sources of contamination: drums containing **used** motor oil, pallets of batteries, dislodged **heating oil and fuel tanks, pole mounted electrical transformers, automobiles, propane cylinders, and containers of paint or other miscellaneous hazardous substances.** The quantity of contaminants released is unknown.

CAUSE OF SPILL: An ice jam developed on the Yukon River during spring melting, flooding the city. Floodwaters dislodged and damaged fuel tanks and other containers of hazardous materials.

SOURCE CONTROL: An assessment to determine potential sources of contamination is ongoing.

RESPONSE ACTION: **An ADEC responder on-site is working with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) incident management team, the City of Galena and the city's response contractors, Alaska Chadux (Chadux) to develop plans for cleaning up and recycling, reusing, or disposing of hazardous substance. Current response efforts are focused on containing hazardous materials, determining the extent of contamination, assembling cleanup resources, and setting up a temporary staging area. Chadux has pumped flood-contaminated water from the city swimming pool into one of the sewage lagoon cells. Local residents trained in working with hazardous materials are assisting with the cleanup.**

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Contaminants have been identified in public use areas.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC will continue to monitor the response and review plans being developed to clean up contaminated soil from public areas of the community. Initial response priorities include: stabilizing heating oil tanks and drums, containerizing oil-filled electrical transformers; monitoring boom at culverts; developing a drum storage area; removing standing pools of contaminants and recovering containers; and flagging off unsafe areas to prevent community exposure.

WEATHER: **Tonight: partly cloudy; low 43°F; northwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy; high 68°F.**



UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Glenn Farnsworth, DHS&EM

SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC

Field SOSC: John Ebel, ADEC

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

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http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sum_fy13/130607301/130607301_index.htm



Transformers near the Galena City Power House, June 7, 2013. (Photo/ADEC)

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST: Please refer to the first sitrep distributed June 7, 2013 for the agency/stakeholder notification list. The link to the first sitrep can be found in the **Additional Information** box above.

AGENCY / STAKEHOLDER	NAME	SENT VIA	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	TELEPHONE	FAX
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