



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

## **FISHER'S FUEL PALMER OFF-RAMP TANKER ROLLOVER**

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 15239924701

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 4:00 p.m. September 4, 2015

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Fisher's Fuel, Inc.

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Glenn Highway off-ramp to Palmer

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 12:15 p.m. September 4, 2015

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** The incident was reported to ADEC by the Palmer Police Department at 12:57 p.m. on the same day.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** According to a Fisher's Fuel representative, the truck was hauling a tanker trailer carrying 6,200 gallons of unleaded gasoline at the time of accident. The fuel from the tanker caught on fire when the accident occurred; therefore, the amount of fuel spilled to the environment is unknown at this time.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Ken Barkley, Deputy Director for Matanuska Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough Emergency Services reported the tanker trailer was found unhitched and rolled over. The truck did not rollover with the tanker trailer. What caused the tanker trailer to become unhitched is unknown and is under investigation.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Due to the fire, source control could not be implemented. Any free-standing fuel remaining in the tanker will be removed using a vacuum truck.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The fire was extinguished around 2:00 p.m. Fisher's Fuel contracted a spill response contractor to clean up the remaining fuel and contamination. The president of Fisher's Fuel, Mat-Su Borough Fire Department, Alaska State Troopers and two representative from ADEC are on site managing the incident. A representative from the Alaska Department of Transportation is en route to determine the integrity of the road prior to allowing access to the tow truck and cleanup equipment.

ADEC representatives will remain on site to monitor the cleanup efforts.

**RECOURSES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** The road next to the fire may have been impacted. An unknown amount of vegetation was burned when the tanker caught on fire. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC will request Fisher's Fuel submit a cleanup plan to ensure the cleanup is conducted to meet state standards.



**WEATHER:** Today: rain in the morning then scattered showers in the afternoon. Highs around 60°F. Variable winds to 10 mph. Tonight: cloudy with scattered showers. Lows in the lower to mid 40°F. Light winds.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Brad Fisher, Fisher's Fuel, Inc.

SOSC: Young Ha, ADEC

Field SOSC: Gay Harpole, ADEC

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

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Young Ha, Cook Inlet/Kodiak Supervisor, ADEC (907) 269-7544

[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sr\\_active.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sr_active.htm)



*Tanker trailer after the fire was extinguished, September 4, 2015. (Photo/ADEC)*

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