



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



## **Kotzebue 483 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., HHO Spill**

**SITREP # 1**

**SPILL #:** 14389904101

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 3:00 p.m. February 11, 2014

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation (KIC), property owner

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Apartment building at 483 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kotzebue

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** KIC employees discovered the spill at 9:45 a.m. on February 10, 2014. KIC reported the spill to ADEC at 1:45 p.m. on February 10, 2014.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The spilled product is home heating oil (#1 diesel). KIC reported that the 1,000-gallon-capacity above-ground storage tank was last filled on January 20, 2014, and found empty on February 10, 2014. The estimated spill volume is 850-900 gallons.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Above-freezing temperatures in mid-January caused water to enter an out-of-service fuel supply line for a garage heater. When temperatures decreased, the water froze and expanded, which caused the line to fail.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The fuel line has been repaired.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** KIC employees worked on February 10th to achieve source control, recover pooled oil in the vicinity of the source, and start delineating the area affected by the spill. Supplies to be used during the response are en route to Kotzebue. KIC owns heavy equipment that its responders will use to recover the contaminated snow and gravel. DEC responders are traveling to Kotzebue today to oversee and assist with the cleanup.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** KIC reported on February 10 that a large area of snow and gravel has been contaminated. KIC also reported that some of the spilled oil could have traveled onto the ice of Kotzebue Lagoon. No affected wildlife have been observed since the spill was discovered.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Complete delineation of the spill area; develop waste management plans; remove contaminated snow, ice and gravel; and assess impact to Kotzebue Lagoon. DEC will monitor and assist in spill cleanup & delineation activities.

**WEATHER:** Today: A mix of clouds and sun; highs around 0°F; northwest winds at 15 to 25 mph. Tomorrow: A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny; highs around -11°F; northwest winds at 15 to 25 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Nicole Stoops, KIC  
SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC  
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**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** As conditions warrant.

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Map of Kotzebue; the red circle shows incident location.

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