

Department of Ecology - Environmental Report Tracking System

ERTS # 605592

Initial Report

External Reference #

Caller Information

Where did it happen

First Name: MARK, Last Name: WHATKINSON, Business Name: SKAGIT CTY EMERGENCY MGMT, Street Address, Other Address, City: MT. VERNON, State: WA, Zip, E-mail, Phone: (360) 708-6100, Ext, Type: Mobile, Confidential_FL checkbox

Berth: Anchorage, Location Name: BIRCH EQUIPMENT RENTALS, Street Address: 2609 OLD 99 SOUTH, Other Address, City/Place: MOUNT VERNON, State: WA, Zip, County - Region: SKAGIT, NWRO, FS ID, WIRA #, Waterway, Type, Latitude, Longitude, Topo Quad 1:24:000: MOUNT VERNON

What happened

Spills Program Oil Spill? Y

Direction/Landmark (mile post, cross roads, township/range): ON OLD 99 SOUTH, SOUTH OF MOUNT VERNON

Incident Date: 5/8/2008, Received Date: 5/8/2008 13:40

Medium: Land

Material: Diesel Oil, Sheen Only checkbox, Quantity, To Water

Primary Potentially Responsible Party Information

First Name, Last Name, Business Name: BIRCH EQUIPMENT RENTALS, Street Address: 2609 OLD 99 SOUTH, Other Address, City: MOUNT VERNON, State: WA, Zip, Phone, Ext, Type, E-mail

Source: Underground Storage Tank, Type: Private Property, Primary checkbox

Cause

Incident Type: Oil Spill (without precursor incident)

Activity: Unknown

Impact: WATER POLLUTION

Vessel Name

Hull Number

Additional Contact Information

Name, Phone, Ext, Type

More Information

CALLER REPORTS THAT SPILL IS FROM A TRUCK STOP. THERE IS OBSERVABLE BRIGHT RAINBOW COLOR -- PROBABLY DIESEL -- IN AN OPEN DITCH WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY EMPTY INTO THE SKAGIT RIVER.

Entry Person: Kempkes, Linda

Entry Date: 5/8/2008

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Referral

<p>Referral Method</p> <p><input type="radio"/> E-mail ERTS number</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> E-mail attachment</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Print</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Telephone</p>	<p>Person Referred to ANDERSEN, CARL</p> <p>Phone (360) 715-5214 Fax (360) 715-5225</p> <p>E-mail CARA461@ECY.WA.GOV</p> <p>Program/Organization SPILLS, PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE</p> <p>Address 1440 10TH ST STE 102</p> <p>City BELLINGHAM WA 98229-7028</p> <p>Region/Location NWRO</p> <p>Referral Date 5/8/2008</p>	<p>Referral # 112034</p> <p>Primary <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Followup

Inspector Information

Referral # 112034
 Lead Inspector ANDERSEN, CARL
Program/Organization SPILLS, PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
 * **Region/Location** NWRO
of Ecology Staff 1 **Overtime**

Where did it happen

Followup #1

Berth Anchorage
Location Name BIRCH EQUIPMENT RENTALS
Street Address 2609 OLD 99 SOUTH
Other Address
City/Place MOUNT VERNON **State** WA **Zip** 98273-
County SKAGIT **Region** NWRO **FS ID**
Waterway **Type**
WRIA #

Action

FIELD RESPONSE - INVESTIGATION **Start Date** 5/8/2008 **End Date**

What happened

Spills Program Oil Spill? Y **Latitude** 48.401054 **Longitude** 122.335872
Incident Date 5/8/2008 **Topo Quad 1:24,000** MOUNT VERNON
Direction/Landmark (mile post, cross roads, township/range)

Medium

Fresh water

Material

Diesel Oil Sheen Only

Quantity	To Water	To Imperm	Recover	NRDA	Est
30	25	5	2		<input type="checkbox"/>

Potentially Responsible Party Information

Check if the primary PRP provided notice to Ecology

Source

Regulated?
 Leaking Drum or Container
Type Private Property **Primary**

Primary

 First **Last**

Name JORDAN

Business Name BIRCH EQUIPMENT

Street Address 2609 OLD HWY 99 SOUTH

Other Address

City MOUNT VERN **State** WA **Zip** 98273-

Phone (360) 661-7404 **Ext** **Type** Business

E-mail

Cause

Mechanical Failure
Type Equipment Failure **Primary**

Incident Type

Oil Spill (without precursor incident)

Activity

Maintenance/Testing

Impact

WATER POLLUTION

Vessel

Narrative

CONTACTED BY MARK WITH SKAGIT CO DEM. AFTER THAT PAGED BY ERTS. MARK WILL HEAD TO MILLTOWN AND I WILL RESPOND TO TRUCK CITY AREA. PRIOR TO LEAVING THE OFFICE CALLED AND LEFT MESSAGES WITH CITY OF MT VERNON BLAINE CHESTERFIELD. SKAGIT COUNTY RICK HALEY, TRUCK CITY MARTY SMITH. ALSO SPOKE WITH KURT BAUMGARTNER, WDOE BFO WQ INSPECTOR SO HE WAS NOTIFIED AND WOULD HE WOULD NOTIFY ANDREW CRAIG.

COORDINATED WITH OTHER LOCALS TO RESEARCH SPILL AREA. MARK REPORTED BACK THAT THE SHEEN WAS TO CONWAY. HE WILL HEAD TO MILLTOWN. BLAINE SENT OUT PERSONNEL TO CHECK CATCH BASINS IN THE AREA AND RICK WILL INVESTIGATE.

ARRIVED AT THE DITCH SOUTH OF TC ON JACKS RD AT 1416. MET WITH RICK AND ALSO MT VERNON EMPLOYEE. TOOK SAMPLE OF RED PRODUCT NORTH OF JACK RD THEN HEADED SOUTH TO MILLTOWN TO PUT OUT SORBENT SWEEP IN FRONT OF SPILL. MT. VERNON AND RICK WENT NORTH TO CHECK ON CATCH BASINS TO TRY AND FIND THE SOURCE.

MET WITH MARK AND BRIEFLY WENT OVER HIS FINDINGS.

I WENT TO MILLTOWN AND DID NOT SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF THE SHEEN YET. AT THE CONWAY SB I-5 RAMP I NOTED A HEAVY PETROLEUM SHEEN IN THE DITCH. PUT OUT A SET OF SWEEP ACROSS THE CREEK AT THE MILLTOWN BRIDGE AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE.

INVESTIGATED NORTH AND FOLLOWED SHEEN BACK TO TRUCK CITY AREA. ENROUTE CALLED NWRO SUPERVISOR JOHN WHITAKER AND REQUESTED OK TO HIRE NRCS. JOHN APPROVED AND I CALLED AND REQUESTED NRCS RESPOND,1520.

MET UP WITH RICK AND MT. VERNON PERSONNEL AND THEY HAD NOT FOUND ANYTHING AND WERE LEAVING THE SITE AS THEY HAD RUN OUT OF LEADS AND WERE NOT FINDING SHEEN IN THE CATCHBASINS ANYMORE. I CONTINUED SEARCHING NORTH IN THE CATCHBASINS AND MANHOLES STOPPING AT TRUCK CITY AND PULLED THE COVERS. NOTED SHEEN AT THE

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JUNCTION AND NOTED RECOVERABLE PRODUCT IN THE MANHOLE AT THE SW CORNER OF THE PROPERTY. MET WITH MARTY SMITH OF TC WHO ASSISTED WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

I WORKED NORTH TO ANDERSON RD. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD I PULLED THE COVER OFF THE DRAIN AND NOTED A SHEEN ON THE WATER. I TOOK A SAMPLE OF THE WATER FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS AND CONTINUED TO INVESTIGATE UPGRADIENT BASED ON THE FLOW IN THE STORMWATER SYSTEM.

I PARKED NEXT TO THE BIRCH RENTAL SITE AND WALKED SOUTH. ONE OF THE TWO GATES AT THE BIRCH SITE WAS BEING CLOSED FOR THE DAY, CLOSE OF BUSINESS. I NOTED A WET AREA ONSITE AND ENTERED THE SITE THROUGH THE OTHER GATE. I ASKED THE EMPLOYEE IF THEY HAD A SPILL.. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW. I ASKED IF THE WET AREA WAS WATER. AGAIN HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW. I ASKED IF I COULD CHECK IT OUT AND AT THAT TIME NOTED THE CATCH BASIN IN THE MIDDLE OF AN OIL STAINED AREA WITH SATURATED SORBENT PADS TURNED RED FROM PRODUCT. ALSO TWO SORBENT PILLOWS WERE IN THE CATCH BASIN AS WELL AS FREEPHASE PRODUCT. THE WET AREA NOTED WAS BALLAST ROCK STAINED WITH THE SPILLED AREA.

I ASKED TO SPEAK TO THE MANAGER AND MADE CONTACT WITH AMANDA THE SITE ASSISTANT MANAGER. I EXPLAINED THE SITUATION AND WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. STAFF WAS VERY COOPERATIVE AND IMMEDIATELY GOT ON AN EXCAVATOR AND STARTED TO DIG UP THE SPILL AREA AND STOCKPILE THE MATERIAL NEARBY.

FIELD CIATION FOR \$500 SENT DECEMBER 11, 2008.

FINE PAID AS WELL AS COST RECOVERY.

NFA FOR SPILLS AT THIS TIME.

Vessel Emergency

Entry Person: ANDERSEN, CARL

Entry Date 5/9/2008

Inspector Information

Referral # 112195

Lead Inspector MUSA TCP, DONNA

Program/Organization TOXICS CLEANUP

* Region/Location NWRO

of Ecology Staff 1 Overtime

Action

REFERRAL Start Date 5/16/2008 End Date 5/16/2008

What happened

Spills Program Oil Spill? N

Incident Date 5/8/2008

Medium

SURFACE WATER-FRESH

Material

PETROLEUM - DIESEL FUEL

Quantity	Unit	Est
30	GALLON	<input type="checkbox"/>

Source Regulated?

Cause

Activity

REPAIRING

Impact

WATER POLLUTION

Vessel

Where did it happen

Followup #2

Berth Anchorage

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Narrative

REFERRING TO POLLY DUBBEL AT SKAGIT HEALTH.

10/13/08 RECEIVED UPDATE FROM POLLY DUBBEL:

I met with business manager Byron Rush in July 2008. He gave me contact with NRCES and said they were contracted to clean up the spill

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and provide documentation. Byron had not received a cleanup report at that time. I contacted NRCES numerous times over the summer with no result. I phoned Birch Equipment on 10/13 and spoke with current manager, Amanda. She said that NRCES returned in August to do follow up work but that she still has not received cleanup report on site. She will put pressure on NRCES to provide cleanup report so we can close out this site.

Vessel Emergency

Entry Person: MUSA TCP, DONNA

Entry Date 5/16/2008