

Department of Ecology - Environmental Report Tracking System

ERTS # 656642

Initial Report

External Reference #

Caller Information

First Name CHRIS Last Name THORN
Business Name CITY OF AUBURN
Street Address
Other Address
City AUBURN State WA Zip
E-mail Confidential_FL ☐
Phone (253) 261-2208 Ext Type Business

Where did it happen

Berth Anchorage
Location Name
Street Address 2810 Academy Drive SE
Other Address
City/Place AUBURN State WA Zip 98092
County - Region KING NWRO FS ID 7377889
WIRA #
Waterway Type
Latitude Longitude
Topo Quad 1:24:000 AUBURN
Direction/Landmark (mile post, cross roads, township/range)
TAX PARCEL # 2721059014

What happened

Spills Program Oil Spill? Y

Incident Date 5/7/2015 Received Date 5/8/2015 10:52

Medium Land
Fresh water

Material Oily Water Mixture
Sheen Only Quantity To Water
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Source Type Other Primary ☐

Cause

Incident Type Oil Spill
Activity Unknown
Impact SOIL CONTAMINATION
WATER POLLUTION

Vessel Name
Hull Number

Primary Potentially Responsible Party Information

First Name DALE Last Name HYDE
Business Name ADVENTIST ACADEMY
Street Address
Other Address
City State WA Zip
Phone Ext Type
E-mail dale.hyde@auburn.org

Additional Contact Information

Name Phone Ext Type

More Information

A fire affected both a building and vehicles. Various fluids from vehicles have mixed with fire fighting runoff. The mixed products have gone into the soil, down a steep ridge, and into a stream that feeds the green river.

The fire department will be applying additional water to the scene to control remaining hot spots.

Valley Regional Fire Authority Contact: Pete Connell: 253-831-3668

Entry Person Cannon, Tawny

Entry Date 5/8/2015

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Referral

Referral Method		Person Referred to Quast, Andy	Referral # 193992
<input type="radio"/> E-mail ERTS number		Phone (425) 649-7250 Fax	Primary <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> E-mail attachment		E-mail aqua461@ecy.wa.gov;3609272237@OnPage.com	
<input type="radio"/> Print		Program/Organization SPILLS, PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Telephone		Address 3190 160th Ave SE	
		City Bellevue WA	
		Region/Location NWRO	
		Referral Date 5/8/2015	
Referral Method		Person Referred to MUSA TCP, DONNA	Referral # 193993
<input type="radio"/> E-mail ERTS number		Phone (425) 649-7136 Fax (425) 649-7098	Primary <input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> E-mail attachment		E-mail DMUS461@ECY.WA.GOV	
<input type="radio"/> Print		Program/Organization TOXICS CLEANUP	
<input type="radio"/> Telephone		Address 3190 160th AVE SE	
		City Bellevue WA 98008-5452	
		Region/Location NWRO	
		Referral Date 5/8/2015	

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Followup

Inspector Information

Referral # 193993
☒ Lead Inspector MUSA TCP, DONNA
 Program/Organization TOXICS CLEANUP
 * Region/Location NWRO
 # of Ecology Staff 1 Overtime ☐

Action

	Start Date	End Date
E-MAIL	5/11/2015	5/11/2015
TCP - UPDATE FILE	12/28/2015	12/28/2015

Where did it happen

Berth Anchorage
 Location Name Auburn Adventist Academy
 Street Address 2810 Academy Dr SE / 5000 Auburn Way S
 Other Address
 City/Place AUBURN KING State WA Zip 98092-
 County KING Region NWRO FS ID
 Waterway Type
 WRIA #

Followup #1

What happened

Incident Date 5/7/2015
 Medium
 SOIL
 Material
 BILGE WATER
 Quantity Unit Est
 GALLON ☐

Spills Program Oil Spill? N

Latitude Longitude
 Topo Quad 1:24,000 AUBURN
 Direction/Landmark (mile post, cross roads, township/range)

Source Regulated? ☐

Cause

Potentially Responsible Party Information

Check if the primary PRP provided notice to Ecology ☐
 Primary ☒ First Last
 Name
 Business Name Western WA Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists
 Street Address 32229 Weyerhaeuser Way S
 Other Address
 City FEDERAL WA State WA Zip 98001-
 Phone Ext Type
 E-mail

Activity

Impact

SOIL CONTAMINATION

Vessel

Narrative

From: Quast, Andrew (ECY)
 Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 12:39 PM
 To: Musa, Donna K. (ECY)
 Subject: TCP question

We had a response on Friday to a fire in Auburn at a building with car mechanics in it. There was quite mess still on site after the fire with oil and other chemicals all over. It is not really a spills thing anymore, but I am lead and trying to make sure the landlord hires a cleanup contractor for the chemicals. Would TCP or maybe Haz Waste take that over? Any help would be appreciated. Thanks.

Andy Quast
 Washington State Dept. of Ecology
 Spill Responder
 Desk- 425-649-7250
 Cell- 360-927-2237
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From: Quast, Andrew (ECY)
 Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 3:48 PM
 To: Musa, Donna K. (ECY)
 Subject: RE: TCP question

I spoke with the maintenance lead for this site and he thinks they will be able to handle the waste themselves by bringing it to HHW. I will be going down there tomorrow to check it out. He also said they just received a bid for the demolition project and will be moving forward soon with that. How do you want to get involved, or not, once they start with the demo? The ERTS number is 656642. We were at our training all week until just now, so I haven't had a chance to start my follow up.

Andy Quast

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DKM researched the property - is owned by Western Washington Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and property is known as the Auburn Adventist Academy. Alternate Address is 5000 Auburn Way S, 98092.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 1:09 PM
To: Quast, Andrew (ECY)
Subject: ERTS Information (656642 Auburn Adventist Incident)

Hi Andy!

Do you have Chris Thorn's email address? Also, do you know if there was any type of final cleanup report for this? I thought I'd ask you, but figured Chris might also know. Thanks!

The information about incident number 656642 is attached in PDF format.

Note: You need to have an Adobe Acrobat Reader to read the information.

Donna

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Emailed Chris Thorn with Auburn and got their point of contact for the Academy: Dale Hyde: dale.hyde@auburn.org

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From: Musa, Donna K. (ECY)
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 3:16 PM
To: 'dale.hyde@auburn.org'
Subject: Adventist Academy Fire (Ecology ERTS 656642)

Hi Dale,

I work in Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program, and inquiring about the status of the cleanup after the fire at the Academy last May. My program deals with long-term subsurface contamination of soil and groundwater.

Chris Thorn (City of Auburn) gave me your contact information. He said he knew that some environmental sampling and geologic assessment had been conducted but wasn't sure if any "cleanup" (as in soil excavation?) had been started yet.

Are you the correct contact person, or is there someone else I should speak to about the progress of the cleanup?

Best Regards,

Donna Musa

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12/28/15 No response ever received from the Academy. Discovered that site is already listed on CSCSL due to poor housekeeping issues. LUST RCU Review resulted in NFA but this was for LUST ISSUE ONLY. Site remains listed for soil contamination. See FSID 7377889.

Vessel Emergency ☐

Entry Person: MUSA TCP, DONNA

Entry Date 5/18/2015

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Followup #2

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Referral # 193992		Berth	Anchorage	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Inspector	Quast, Andy	Location Name	Auburn Adventist Academy	
Program/Organization	SPILLS, PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE	Street Address	2810 Academy Dr SE / 5000 Auburn Way S	
		Other Address		
* Region/Location	NWRO	City/Place	AUBURN KING	State WA Zip 98092-
# of Ecology Staff	2	County	KING	Region NWRO FS ID
Overtime	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waterway		
Action		WRIA #		
FIELD RESPONSE - INVESTIGATION	Start Date 5/8/2015	End Date 5/15/2015	Type	
What happened	Spills Program Oil Spill? N	Latitude	Longitude	
Incident Date	5/7/2015	Topo Quad 1:24,000	AUBURN	
Medium		Direction/Landmark (mile post, cross roads, township/range)		
OTHER				
Material				
PETROLEUM - WASTE/USED OIL				
Quantity	Unit	Est		
115	CONTAINER	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Source	Regulated? <input type="checkbox"/>	Potentially Responsible Party Information		
FIRE-INDOOR		Check if the primary PRP provided notice to Ecology <input type="checkbox"/>		
		Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	First	Last
		Name		
Cause		Business Name	Western WA Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists	
FIRE		Street Address	32229 Weyerhaeuser Way S	
		Other Address		
		City	FEDERAL WA	State WA Zip 98001-
Activity		Phone	Ext	Type
OTHER		E-mail		
Impact				
POTENTIAL POLLUTION/RELEASE				
Vessel				

Narrative

Summary: A structure fire at a rental building owned by the Auburn Adventist Academy that housed at least two auto mechanic shops resulted in firefighting foam and other chemicals and oils to be washed away from the building from the firefighting operations. Auburn MS-4 personnel notified Ecology of the incident. Hayes and Quast responded. On site, Ecology found no evidence that any oil or chemical reached the downstream retention pond or the Green River, as originally thought possible. Some contaminated water from the firefighting operations did escape the site of the fire down a steep slope in the direction of the river. The slope was heavily vegetated and more than 1/2 mile from the river. Quast worked with the person in charge of the clean up for the Academy to make sure that the 100+ containers with chemicals and oil were disposed of properly.

05-08-15, 11:07- Chris Thorn with City of Auburn reported a 3 alarm fire at a building on the edge of a bluff near the Green River. The firefighting operations used a lot of water to put the fire out and the contaminated water ran down the bluff to a drainage tributary that feeds the Green River. The building was a vehicle maintenance facility that had large amounts of improperly stored fluids. The fire occurred last night. Thorn is currently at the confluence of the tributary and the Green River and does not see anything from the fire that has reached the river other than some turbidity.

05-08-15, 12:00- Quast and Hayes responded. Fire Department awaited go ahead from Ecology and City of Auburn to use more foam to put out "hot spots" in fire. Auburn personnel put up a boom where the water could go over the bluff edge. During foam spraying, no foam or water left the building. Adventist Academy is going to await word from Fire safety that they can go ahead and start assessing damage for themselves. Expected to happen on Monday, the 11th. Quast and Hayes accompanied Auburn personnel to the retention pond and outfall to the Green River where the contaminated water could have reached and found no evidence of chemicals or oils in either place. The assumption is that the heavy vegetation on the slope between the fire and these areas prevented any oil or chemicals from reaching that far. There was some turbidity in the retention pond from all of the water used to put the fire out, estimated at 60,000 gallons. Quast will follow up next week regarding clean up.

Emails sent from Quast recapping actions during the week of 5-11 through 5-15, see below.

5-11-15, 15:48- I spoke with the maintenance lead for this site and he thinks they will be able to handle the waste themselves by bringing it to HHW. I will be going down there tomorrow to check it out. He also said they just received a bid for the demolition project and will be moving forward soon with that. How do you want to get involved, or not, once they start with the demo? The ERTS number is 656642. We were at our training all week until just now, so I haven't had a chance to start my follow up.

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Cell- 360-927-2237

5-15-15, 13:15- I made a site visit today to check how things were going in regards to the oil/chemical follow-up. Dale Hyde is my contact with the Academy, 253-261-7663. He showed me around the site and explained to me what the plan is. They had Clean Harbors there this morning to take a look and get back to them with a quote for the chemical part of the clean up. Dale has yet to hear back from them with the quote. The scene is quite the mess. They have been gathering containers as they can reach them. I would estimate 100-150 containers of a gallon or less, most of those empty or mostly empty. Almost all of them badly damaged. There were also 10 or so larger 5 gallon containers that appeared to have used oil in them. I have attached a couple pictures. I instructed Dale to get them in better containment, a covered tarp tub essentially, until they are picked up for disposal. He will put me in contact with the contractor as soon as they hire them. No spill appears likely at this point. They are doing their best with limited resources, but understand the need to deal with the oil and chemicals properly.

The site itself looks to me like the ground/concrete/gravel areas could be contaminated, but that is beyond my purview.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Vessel Emergency ☐

Entry Person: Quast, Andy

Entry Date 5/19/2015