



April 26, 2017

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER NEWS RELEASE

****THIS IS A DRILL **THIS IS A DRILL **THIS IS A DRILL **THIS IS A DRILL **THIS IS A DRILL****

TWO TANKS RUPTURE AT DRIFT RIVER TERMINAL, SPILL RESPONSE INITIATED

NIKISKI, ALASKA — Responders from Hilcorp Alaska, United States Coast Guard (USCG), and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) are responding to an incident involving two oil storage tanks at the Drift River Terminal and have established a Unified Command to manage the incident response.

Operators at the terminal discovered an apparent rupture of tanks 3 and 4 at approximately 4:35 AM. The cause of the rupture is unknown. The majority of the oil has been caught in the secondary containment area in the tank farm and an unknown volume has moved beyond secondary containment to nearby drainage ditches. A Short Notice Response Team has been dispatched to the site from Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response, Inc. (CISPRI) and responders are assessing the scene to determine the extent and estimated volume of the spill.

Unified Command is committed to ensuring the safety of responders and facility personnel, stabilizing the incident, and protecting environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife. Unified Command has established the Joint Information Center to provide the public with timely and accurate incident information. The Joint Information Center has created a website at www.incidentcommand.com/driftriverterminal and a phone number for citizens seeking information on the response.

This is a developing situation, and further updates will be made as soon as more information is available.

###

Media can reach the Joint Information Office by contacting:

Incident Command – Joint Information Office

907-776-7431

DRTRESPONSE@ALASKA.GOV

****THIS IS A DRILL **THIS IS A DRILL **THIS IS A DRILL **THIS IS A DRILL **THIS IS A DRILL****