

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 700700

Date of Incident: 09/17/2020

Potential Liable Party: Harms Pacific Trucking

Product Spilled: Asphalt/Creosote

Spill Source: Tank Truck

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 750 gallons

Water Body Affected: Ellensburg wetland

Ecology Region: CRO

County: Kittitas

Nearest City: Ellensburg

Location of Spill: Highway 10

Cause: Inattention/Distracted, Judgment, Other - External Conditions

Ecology Responder: Andy Wilson

Incident Summary: On September 17, 2020, a truck and trailer owned by Harms Pacific Trucking was turning onto Highway 10 in Ellensburg when it rolled over into a wet ditch and wetland. The truck was hauling liquid asphalt. Ecology responded and found that approximately 5 gallons of liquid asphalt spilled from the vent pipe to the ditch. Harms Pacific mobilized another truck to the incident, and set up a pump to remove the liquid asphalt from the overturned trailer. Due to an error in the pump setup, the vacuum hose was forcing air into the overturned trailer. This caused the vent plug on top to dislodge, releasing a large volume of liquid asphalt into the ditch and wetland. An estimated 750 gallons of liquid asphalt was released in total. On September 23, 2020, the now solidified asphalt and impacted vegetation were removed with an excavator. Cleanup was complete by September 25, 2020.