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## **Alaska Railroad Work Train Derailment Near Curry Damages Fuel Tank**

*Diesel fuel spill mitigation and containment efforts are underway*

TALKEETNA, Alaska – At roughly 3:15 a.m. on Friday, June 6, an Alaska Railroad (ARRC) work train derailed from the Curry loop track, roughly 22 miles north of Talkeetna. The cause of the derailment was not immediately clear. No injuries were reported among the three ARRC employees operating the train at the time, and damage from the derailment was limited to a punctured 2600-gallon diesel fuel tank on the derailed locomotive. ARRC staff worked quickly to notify Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and respond to the spill. The damaged fuel tank has been secured and initial containment strategies put in place, as efforts continue to remediate the impacted site.

The Curry loop track provides rail access to a quarry used for ballast, riprap and gravel, and is not accessible via the road system. The derailment is not anticipated to impact operations on the Alaska Railroad's main line.

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