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Train Strikes Rock Causing Locomotive Fuel Tank Leak

ANCHORAGE, Alaska-At approximately 2:30 PM Sunday, an Alaska Railroad (ARRC) freight train struck a large rock north of Girdwood along Turnagain Arm causing damage to a locomotive fuel tank. The strike created a four-inch gash in the lead locomotives' fuel tank causing diesel fuel to leak directly onto the railbed.

At this time, there is no threat to the waters of Turnagain Arm. It is unknown how much fuel has spilled but crews estimate around 1200 gallons. ARRC environmental and safety crews are on scene and beginning cleanup response. Nearly 100 gallons of diesel fuel has been recovered and protective boom was placed around the locomotive.

The freight train struck the rock near ARRC milepost 80.5 (near Bird Point) and stopped near ARRC milepost 81. ARRC environmental crews will continue assessment and cleanup work. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has been notified and is responding.

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