

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Spill Prevention and Response**  
**Prevention and Emergency Response Program**

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** GC-2 Oil Transit Line Release

**SITREP #:** 2

**SPILL NUMBER:** 06399906101

**LEDGER CODE:** 14163060

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The spill was first discovered by BPXA operators at 5:45 AM, March 2, 2006. The spill was reported to ADEC by the State Troopers at 6:15 AM, March 2, 2006.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:15 PM, March 2, 2006.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 8:00 AM, March 3, 2006

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Crude oil. The volume is unknown at this time.

**LOCATION:** A transit line between Gathering Center 2 (GC-2) and Pump Station 1, Western Operating Unit, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Yet to be determined. The source is an above ground 34 inch diameter crude oil transit pipeline.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** BPXA

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Two vacuum trucks are currently on-site recovering pools of oil. Free product removal began at approximately 1:00 PM. BPXA is in the process of obtaining as many vacuum trucks as possible for the oil recovery operation. A 24-hour cleanup operation is in effect.

All recovered oil in the vacuum trucks will be transported to Flow Station 2 (FS-2) and offloaded into a 10,000 barrel (bbl) tank. This tank will allow for the recovered oil / water to settle so that the amount of recovered oil can be properly measured.

An initial overflight using infrared cameras identified the extent of the spill under the snow. Ground surveys will further delineate the area of the spill.

BPXA has activated their Incident Management Team (IMT) at the Prudhoe Bay Operations Center (PBOC) and the Crisis Management Team (CMT) in Anchorage. ADEC has staff liaison person coordinating with the CMT. The BPXA Environmental Unit is currently working on drafting a cleanup and disposal plan for agency review and approval.

Two (2) ADEC responders will be traveling to the North Slope tonight. Four (4) ADEC responders will be traveling to the North Slope tomorrow morning. ADEC will participate in the IMT and also have representation in the field. ADEC is also sending an information technology (IT) individual to aid in computer/network setup.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** GC-2 has been shut down. The damaged pipeline has been blocked at each end and depressured. The release has stopped. BPXA is providing freeze protection to wells connected to GC-2.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Snow covered tundra. Field responders have confirmed that oil has reached the edge of a nearby lake.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** BPXA will develop, and submit for ADEC approval, a cleanup and disposal plan. Additional response actions include: determining volume spilled, and cause of the rupture.

**WEATHER:** Tonight partly cloudy, lows 20°F below to 25°F below zero, east winds 15 to 20 mph, wind chill to 50 below.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Greg Alexander, Flow Station 1 Area Manager (BPXA)  
FOSC: Matt Carr (EPA)  
S.O.S.C: Ed Meggert (ADEC)  
Field S.O.S.C: Toivo Luick (ADEC)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ed Meggert (907) 451-2124

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