

**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 #:** 4

**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:** 12:00 PM, March 3, 2006.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 4:00 PM, March 3, 2006

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Crude oil. The volume is unknown at this time. Volume estimates will not be made until there is sufficient information available.

**LOCATION:** Correction: A transit line between Gathering Center 2 (GC-2) and GC -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. The location of the pipeline failure has not been identified and workers continue to remove insulation to determine the cause.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** BP Exploration Alaska (BPXA)

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Incident response priorities and objectives are

- Ensure all personnel are safe
- Identify the source of the leak
- Repair the pipeline
- Investigate the cause of the spill
- Protect wells from freezing
- Continue containment of the spill
- Implement a plan to restart the pipeline

The spill is contained by natural and man-made snow berms. Snow and frozen conditions allow for working on the tundra and minimizing damage from workers and oil contamination. Two vacuum trucks are currently on-site recovering oil. 453 barrels (19,026 gallons) of oil/water have been recovered as of 10:00 AM today. A 24-hour cleanup operation is in effect with 40 cleanup workers on site per 12 hour shift.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources has approved the construction of an ice pad to improve site access and stage response equipment. BPXA began construction of the ice pad this morning.

All recovered oil in the vacuum trucks is being 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.

Based upon the reconnaissance data provided by the Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) overflight, BPXA plans to remove snow from within a 3-5 acre area to determine the extent of the spill. FLIR technology uses an infrared detection system to identify oil heat signatures, and assist in delineating the spill area. Surveillance teams continue ground surveys to identify the extent of the spill.

The BPXA Incident Management Team (IMT) at the Prudhoe Bay Operations Center (PBOC) and the Crisis Management Team (CMT) in Anchorage continue to be activated. ADEC has a staff liaison person coordinating with the CMT. A Joint Information Center is being established in Anchorage at the CMT. ADEC has three staff on site with four additional staff arriving later this morning. ADEC is participating in the IMT and in the field.

**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. Workers continue to peel insulation from the pipeline to identify the source of the spill.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Snow covered tundra. Field responders have confirmed that oil has reached the edge of a nearby lake. Field evaluation of the lake conditions indicate that 50-100 yards beyond the leading edge of the oil is land-fast ice, which will help to minimize impacts to the lake. Efforts to de-inventory the line of oil are ongoing.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Additional response actions include determining the volume spilled and cause of the spill. Plans to repair the pipeline and resume pumping operations will be implemented after the source has been identified.

**WEATHER:** Partly cloudy, lows 18°F below to 20°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: Leslie Pearson (ADEC)  
L.O.S.C: Gordon Brower

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

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at the following Unified Command website:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/gc2>

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