

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 #: 11

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: 10:00 AM, March 7, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 10:00 AM, March 8, 2006

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Crude oil. The volume is unknown at this time. The volume estimation survey is under way. The measurements should be completed today, and will be followed by a period of data analysis. A spill volume estimate is expected to be available by Thursday, March 9, 2006.

LOCATION: 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 aboveground 34 inch diameter crude oil transit pipeline. The leak has been exposed and positively identified under the caribou crossing. A root-cause investigation team is expected to arrive on site today. Caution and care are being taken to ensure safety of the workers and to prevent worsening the spill.

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

RESPONSE ACTION: The spill is contained by natural and man-made snow berms. Certain berms are being reinforced with ice by the addition of water. Snow and frozen conditions facilitate cleanup on the tundra and minimize damage from people, equipment, and oil contamination. Approximately 1,335 bbls (56,070 gallons) of oil/water have been recovered as of 7:00 AM on March 7, 2006.

Currently the primary recovery tactic is to use vacuum trucks to pick up pooled oil. A heavy oil pump is being used on the inlet of each vacuum hose to assist in moving the oil.

A total of 60 spill responders, 30 for the day shift and 30 for the night shift, are involved in the field-cleanup operation. BPXA has completed construction of a 400 foot by 400 foot ice pad on the south side of the spill area as well as an ice road and pad to allow access to and staging at the north side of the spill area.

All waste is being handled according to the approved waste handling plan. Recovered fluids in the vacuum trucks continue to be transported to Flow Station 2 (FS-2) and offloaded into a 10,000 barrel (bbl) tank. Soils in the caribou crossing area are being tested for contamination and will be handled appropriately. Contaminated snow and ice are being stockpiled at the CC-2A facility. A snow melter will be installed at CC-2A, and melted fluids will be taken to the FS-2 tank.

The leak source has been exposed and positively identified. Workers have applied a temporary patch at this time and will implement a repair plan once some further testing as well as a job safety analysis have been completed. There is currently no estimate on when the repair to the line will be completed.

The spill area adjacent to the pipeline has been delineated. It was calculated that at most 1.93 acres of tundra and frozen lake surface may have been impacted.

The BPXA Incident Management Team (IMT) at the Prudhoe Bay Operations Center (PBOC) and the Business Support Team (BST) in Anchorage continue to operate. ADEC has a staff liaison coordinating with the BST. Agency Public Information Officers are staffing the Joint Information Center in Anchorage. Five ADEC staff members are in Prudhoe Bay participating in the IMT and in the field operations.

SOURCE CONTROL: The release has stopped as of March 2, 2006 after the damaged pipeline was blocked at each end and depressured. GC-2 has been shut down. BPXA has provided freeze protection to wells connected to GC-2. The source of the spill has been located and work continues to implement a permanent repair. The IMT is developing a plan to clear the line of all remaining oil if it becomes necessary.

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 potential impacts to the lake.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Additional response actions include determining the volume spilled and cause of the spill. Plans to repair the pipeline and resume GC-2 facility operations are being developed now that the source has been identified.

Contaminated snow and ice will be melted and combined with the other recovered fluids at the FS-2 facility.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy, chance of snow, patchy fog, highs 5°F to 10° below zero, west winds to 10 MPH.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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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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