

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 #: 13

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 9, 2006.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Crude oil. The volume is unknown at this time. The volume estimation survey is under way. The measurements are complete, and will be subsequently verified by data analysis. A spill volume estimate is likely to be available by the evening of 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: A quarter inch hole in the pipeline due to possible internal corrosion. The source is an aboveground 34 inch diameter crude oil transit pipeline. The leak is from a small hole discovered in the pipe, under the caribou crossing. A fact-finding investigation is being conducted with a team including BPXA and State of Alaska representatives.

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

RESPONSE ACTION: Extreme cold weather (wind chill to 55° below zero or colder) will continue to hamper field activities today. Snow fences are being installed around the site as a contingency to protect against heavy winds and to minimize snow accumulation due to drifting snow. The spill is contained by natural and man-made snow berms. Certain berms are reinforced with ice by the addition of water.

Approximately 1,395 bbls (58,590 gallons) of oil/water have been recovered as of 7:00 AM on March 9, 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. Small "Bobcat" style front end loaders are being used to remove contaminated snow from the spill area as well.

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 and a bypass ice road around the release point 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.

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: Ultrasonic testing was completed on the affected area of the pipeline late last night and the final sleeve/clamp was bolted into place at approximately 6:00 AM today. The sleeve/clamp will be welded in place to complete the permanent repair.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: It was calculated that at most 1.93 acres of tundra and frozen lake surface may have been impacted.

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.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy, chance of snow, highs around 20°F below zero, west winds to 10 to 15 MPH with wind chill to 52° below zero.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	James Fausett (BPXA)
FOSC:	Jeff Rodin (EPA)
S.O.S.C:	Ed Meggert (ADEC)
L.O.S.C.	Waska Williams (NSB)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynda Giguere (907) 321-5491.

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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