

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 #: 18

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 20, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 10:00 AM, March 28, 2006.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Crude oil. At 7:45 AM, March 10, 2006, the Unified Command released the best available estimate on the volume of oil spilled. That estimate is 201,000 gallons +/- 33%, over a 1.93 acre area. This best available estimate is based upon calculations obtained by the Volume Estimation Team from a comprehensive survey that included extensive probing of the product depths and GPS mapping of the entire site. The volume estimates are from the best available information obtainable at this time.

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 internal corrosion. The source was at the 6 o'clock position in an above ground 34-inch diameter crude oil transit pipeline. The leak is from a hole discovered in the pipe within a buried culvert (caribou crossing). A fact-finding investigation is underway with a team including BPXA and State of Alaska representatives and preliminary findings were jointly issued earlier this week.

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

RESPONSE ACTION: Weather on the North Slope remains very cold with night temperatures dipping to 70° below zero with the wind chill factor. Free flowing oil continues to be found and collected in the culvert at the caribou crossing. Second to personnel safety, recovery of oiled snow and the excavation of contaminated gravel from the caribou crossing continue to be the highest cleanup priority. As of 7:00 PM on March 19, 2006, the clean-up efforts have collected a total of: 63,546 gallons (1,513 bbls) of free flowing oil, 328 cubic yards of oil contaminated gravel and 5,209 cubic yards of oil contaminated snow. The oil that has been collected is being stored on site.

The IMT at the Prudhoe Bay Operations Center (PBOC) has been disbanded and the cleanup has gone into the Project Phase (long term cleanup). Day shift crews remain at 38 people and the night shift is reduced to 10.

Two ADEC oil spill response staff are on site monitoring the cleanup efforts 24 hours a day and participating in the BPXA Project Cleanup Team.

Trimming activities continue at the site with two 40 inch trimmers. Trimming is the process of grinding and removing the top layer of material from the ground surface. The upper portion of the tundra will be trimmed 1-3 inches to remove the contaminated tundra. At this time, a total of 1040 sq. ft. of tundra have been trimmed. The removed tundra volume will included and reported as contaminated gravel. The removed soils will be ground and injected similar to the contaminated gravels. BPXA has contracted with Alaska Biological Research (ABR) for a tundra expert to evaluate and monitor trimming activities. An ABR representative is currently onsite determining the effect trimming will have on the tundra.

The snow melting machines are on site and being brought on-line to melt the contaminated snow that has been collected. Two machines are up and running and a third is under repair, and should be in operation by the middle of this week.

SOURCE CONTROL: BP will inspect the pipeline around the site before restarting the pipeline at GC-2. In the meantime, this section remains shut down.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: A survey of the site has determined that at most 1.93 acres of tundra and frozen lake surface may have been impacted by this spill.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Additional response actions include determining the cause of the spill and if any additional or other potential defects exist along the GC-2 pipeline. Plans to inspect the surrounding pipeline prior to reopening the GC-2 facility operations are being worked on at this time.

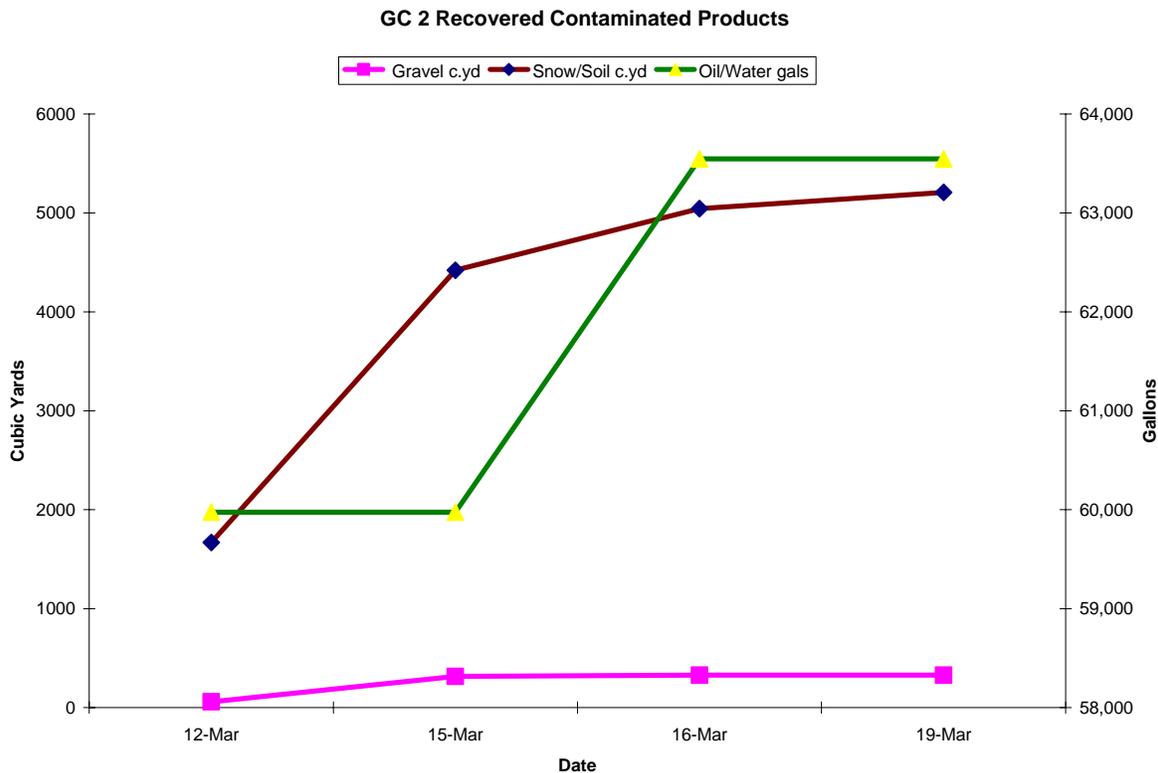
WEATHER: Cloudy with light snow, highs around 15°F below zero, east winds to 15 to 20 MPH with occasional blowing snow and a wind chill to 45 degrees below zero.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Jeff Spitler (BPXA)
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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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