

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Flow Station 2 Transit Oil Line Release

SITREP #: 4

SPILL NUMBER: 0639921801

LEDGER CODE: 14163560

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: In response to recently gathered inspection data, BPXA began shutting down the line at 6:30 AM August 6, 2006. During the shutdown operation, the spill was discovered by Alaska Clean Seas (ACS) Spill Response Team (SRT) at 8:40 AM, August 6, 2006. The spill was reported to ADEC by the State Troopers at 9:10 AM, August 6, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM August 11, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: BPXA initially reported that an estimated 4 -5 barrels (168 – 210 gallons) of crude oil was released to the tundra. It is expected that this estimate will increase as the recovered fluids (oil/water) are decanted and gauged. Approximately 443 barrels (18606 gallons) of recovered fluids have been collected off the tundra. Additional oil contained through the use of fast tanks as it leaked from the line is estimated at 197 barrels (8274 gallons).

LOCATION: A crude oil transit line between Flow Station 2 (FS-2) and FS-1, Eastern Operating Area (EOA), Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Leaking FS-2 Transit Line. The cause is under investigation. Data collected from a smart pig operation on Friday August 4, 2006 revealed 16 anomalies in 12 locations along this line. These anomalies are associated with corrosion related pipeline wall-thinning. As a result of the inspection data and associated spill, BPXA is shutting down the Prudhoe Bay oilfield. The shutdown is expected to be completed within the next 3 to 5 days.

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

RESPONSE ACTION: Source control has been established through the use of clamps or sleeves over the pipeline rupture site. As a result of source control being established, the portable fast tanks being used to collect any crude oil dripping from the transit line were removed. Another nine sleeves are projected to be needed over the other anomalies identified on the line. It is expected that these will be installed within the next several days.

Operations are on-going to recover residual oil on the tundra through the use of a rope mop. Shore-seal boom is also being maintained around the spill site as a contingency to ensure that any residual oil does not migrate to the adjacent water body.

At this time, recovered fluids are being stored in vacuum trucks. No fluids will be disposed of without agency approval. BPXA will store this material until coordination and approval from the agencies for the ultimate disposal or recycle method.

Governor Frank Murkowski, ADEC Commissioner Kurt Fredriksson, and ADNR Commissioner Mike Menge were on the North Slope yesterday and toured several BPXA facilities and the spill site. They fielded questions from approximately 30 media personnel representing national and local news affiliates. ADEC has one responder on the North Slope.

SOURCE CONTROL: A clamp has been placed over the ruptured area of the pipeline and source control has been achieved. BPXA is working to place sleeves on the 16 anomaly sites found in the line during the smart

pigging. Due to the possibility of creating other leaks, BPXA has stopped examining the remaining pipeline anomalies until the pipeline has been de-inventoried.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The tundra is naturally inundated with standing fresh water mitigating oil impact to this resource. BPXA also pumped water from an adjacent lake to flood the site during oil recovery operations – ensuring that this water ‘buffer’ was maintained. No impacts to wildlife have been reported at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BPXA will develop and submit for ADEC approval: a disposal plan and sampling plan. Additional response actions include: determining final volume released and sampling the spill site to confirm cleanup.

WEATHER: Overcast rain, 51 degrees F with calm winds.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Greg Alexander (BPXA)
 F.O.S.C: Matt Carr (EPA)
 S.O.S.C: Ed Meggert (ADEC)
 Field .S.O.S.C. Amanda Stark (ADEC)

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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/fs2>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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USEPA	Matt Carr/ Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-5083 or 257-1342	271-3424
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