

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: FS-2 Flow line 9A Crude/Gas Release **SITREP #:** 2

SPILL NUMBER: 09399904902

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: BP Exploration Alaska (BPXA) discovered the spill at 2:25 PM on February 18, 2009, and reported the spill to the ADEC office in Fairbanks at 2:36 PM on February 18, 2009.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM February 19, 2009.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM February 20, 2009.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Natural gas, crude oil and produced water. The volumes discharged are unknown at this time

LOCATION: Flow line 9A, near Flow Station 2, Eastern Operating Area, Prudhoe Bay.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Under Investigation.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): BP Exploration Alaska

RESPONSE ACTION: Flow line 9A is a 24 inch multi phase gathering line that carries crude oil, natural gas and produced water from Drill Site 9 (DS 9) to Flow Station 2 (FS 2) for processing. The line stopped leaking liquids last evening around 6:00 PM. BPXA has 12 Spill Response Team members and 7 support personnel working a 12-hour shift to respond to the spill, empty the line of liquids and repair the hole in the line. Twelve additional site workers are being identified to help in the response effort. Snow is currently being removed to reach a flange in the line where a fitting will be attached and additional liquids will be drained from the line into a fast-tank. 2 vacuum trucks are standing by to remove liquids.

The release was characterized by BPXA personnel on site as being primarily a natural gas release with some crude oil and produced water. The release point in the flow line is under a snow bank and there is significant snow in the vicinity. The snow is currently being removed to access the spill site so that the contaminated material can be removed and the hole in the line repaired.

Personnel from DNR Lands Division were on the slope when this incident began and have been in contact with BPXA concerning the response effort and have been working with the ADEC State On-Scene Coordinator. A responder from ADEC arrived on-scene today.

SOURCE CONTROL: The flow line has been shut in.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The spill occurred on a gravel pad and under a snow bank. The snow should enhance the containment of the spilled products. As a result of the release, 11 wells were shut in. BPXA is still working on the restart of these wells by rerouting their production through other flow lines. Production loss with these wells shut in is estimated by BPXA to be 1,300 – 1,400 bbl crude oil per day.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Some of the oil and produced water that remain in the line will be drained through a fitting established at the flange on the line. The insulation around the release point will be stripped and a patch placed on the hole in the line. A final sweep of the line with gas will be performed in order to remove any remaining liquids in order to prevent freeze up. Snow is also being cleared to access the spill site and

the impact area will be delineated by Alaska Clean Seas (ACS) field crews. Removal plans will be drafted and presented for review and approval.

WEATHER: temp 0 degrees, wind NE at 20 mph, sky overcast

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: James Faucett

F.O.S.C. :

S.O.S.C. : Ed Meggert

Field S.O.S.C.: Tom DeRuyter

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Meggert, 451-2124

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, Senator Begich's office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, USFS and NOAA in addition to the following.

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AOGCC		Fax			276-7542
EPA	Matt Carr/Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-5083 or 257-1342	271-3424
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