



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
Division of Spill Prevention and Response  
Prevention Preparedness and Response Program  
**SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)**



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## Valdez Marine Terminal Berth 5 Firewater System

SITREP #: **2 CORRECTED**

SPILL #: 17229926401

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 5:30 p.m. September 22, 2017

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. (Alyeska)

INCIDENT LOCATION: Berth 5, Valdez Marine Terminal

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 11:00 a.m. September 21, 2017

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** Alyeska personnel observed an oily sheen at the Port of Valdez, near Berth 5 firewater pump intake, shortly after 11:00 a.m. Alyeska reported the spill to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) at 11:36 a.m.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Alyeska estimates **less than 100 gallons** of crude oil residue

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The cause is under investigation, but early indicators show a check valve in the firewater system may have failed during a pressure test, allowing the contents of a berth loading arm to drain through the firewater system.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** **The source is secured. Alyeska has isolated and inspected the firewater system.**

**RESPONSE ACTION:** **Alyeska's Ship Escort/Response Vessel System (SERVS) is continuing to respond with a variety of oil spill clean-up boats and skimmers including the skimmer VALDEZ STAR. SERVS deployed protection booms at the Valdez Duck Flats and the Salmon Gulch Hatchery to prevent any oil from entering the area. Two overflights were conducted today to determine effectiveness of current cleanup actions and to observe for wildlife.**

**The Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) was not affected by this incident and remains operational.**

**ADEC staff on site to monitor the cleanup efforts and investigate the cause.**

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** **Wildlife were observed near the spill area; however oiled wildlife were **not** observed.** Resources at risk continue to be evaluated.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC will continue to monitor the response actions and continue to work closely with Alyeska to determine the cause of the spill. Alyeska is developing a cleanup and decontamination plan for ADEC and the U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG) review and approval.

**WEATHER:** Rain showers; low 36°F; variable wind less than 10 knots; seas 2 feet.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Scott Hicks, Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.  
SOSC: Geoff Merrell, ADEC  
FOSC: LCDR Smiley, USCG  
Field SOSC: Ron Doyel, ADEC

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

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Geoff Merrell, State On-Scene Coordinator, ADEC (907) 269-7682

[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sum\\_fy18/170921201/170921201\\_index.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sum_fy18/170921201/170921201_index.htm)



*Photo taken during overflight of cleanup operation, September 22, 2017. (Photo/ADEC)*

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