



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 #: 3

SPILL #: 17229926401

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 11:00 a.m. September 26, 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 was released.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause is under investigation, but early indicators show that oily water in the oil loading system may have drained through the Berth firewater system during a pressure test.

SOURCE CONTROL: Source is secured. Alyeska isolated and inspected the firewater system.

RESPONSE ACTION: Alyeska's Ship Escort/Response Vessel System (SERVS) continued oil recovery, overflights, and shoreline assessments over the weekend. Approximately 400 gallons of oil/water mixture has been recovered. The firewater system piping associated with oil discharge were tested, and it did not show any additional sheen. The firewater system is operational, and Alyeska has resumed tanker loading operations after an overflight yesterday confirmed recovery operations have been effective. Absorbent boom will remain in place to collect any remaining sheen that may surface. Vessel and response equipment will be decontaminated, and crews will continue monitoring conditions, as well as the absorbent boom still in place behind the berths.

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

ADEC and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) staff are on site to monitor cleanup efforts and investigate the cause.

RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED: Wildlife were observed near the spill area; however, no oiled wildlife were observed. Resources at risk are being 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. **ADEC and USCG are continuing to work with Alyeska on waste management and decontamination plans.**

WEATHER: **Showers early; low 29°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

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