

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Kuparuk Produced Water Line

SITREP#: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04399907701

LEDGER CODE: 14100660

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill was discovered at approximately 8:30 PM on March 17, 2004. ConocoPhillips notified the Alaska State Troopers at 9:23 PM March 17, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 11:45 AM, March 18, 2004.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The exact amount of the spill volume is unknown although ConocoPhillips has estimated 15-20 barrels of produced water were released. Produced water is a combination of water and crude oil.

LOCATION: Kuparuk Field, Drill Site 2D

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause is under investigation. It is suspected by ConocoPhillips that structural failure of a valve on the flowline may have been caused by heavy snow load.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION: The Kuparuk spill response team, including Alaska Clean Seas (ACS) response personnel, is in the process of assessing the situation and delineating the spill. Currently 25 feet of snow covers the flowline and the spill area hampering efforts to recover the spill. Snow is being removed using a backhoe where possible and by hand. ConocoPhillips believes at this time that the crude oil and produced water is contained on the gravel pad and in a reserve pit on the pad. This will be verified as snow removal efforts continue.

ADEC field staff will be on scene tomorrow to monitor the response operations.

SOURCE CONTROL: The flowline was shut in immediately.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: At this time, it is believed that the spill was contained on the gravel pad and within the reserve pit.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue to remove snow and delineate the extent of the spill. After snow removal, initiate spill recovery operations and develop a cleanup and disposal plan.

WEATHER: Blowing snow, 14 mph west wind, -25 degrees Fahrenheit.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander	Mike Morris, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
F.O.S.C.....	Carl Lautenberger, EPA
S.O.S.C.....	Ed Meggert, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.....	John Dixon, ADEC

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