

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Drill Site 14 Crude Oil Spill

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 05399910201

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The release was discovered on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at approximately 2:30 AM by BP Exploration- Alaska, Inc. (BPXA) personnel. The spill was reported to ADEC by BPXA via the Alaska State troopers early morning on April 12, 2005

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:30 PM on April 12, 2005

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM on April 13, 2005

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: BPXA reports that approximately 1.4 million standard cubic feet of natural gas and an unknown amount of crude oil were released as a mist. The mist settled onto the manifold building, pipes, tanks, and snow at Drill Site 14. A formal estimate of the amount of crude oil released is being calculated by BPXA at this time.

LOCATION: The release occurred at Drill Site 14, which is in the Greater Prudhoe Bay oil production field on the North Slope of Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The source of the spill is an artificial lift line that transports pressurized natural gas to Drill Site 14 for injection. A weld in the pipe appears to have failed. The exact cause of the weld failure is yet to be determined.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): BPXA

RESPONSE ACTION: Two DEC responders were in Kuparuk when the release was reported. DEC personnel reported to the release site, surveyed the extent of the contamination, and met with BPXA personnel. At present one DEC responder remains in Prudhoe to participate in the Incident Management Team (IMT) as well as to oversee cleanup and disposal activities.

The Greater Prudhoe Bay Spill Response Team (SRT) was mobilized for the initial site entry and activities. Fifteen SRT technicians were brought in initially. Twenty six responders are being flown in tonight at 6:00 PM, and another three are being brought from Barrow on April 13, 2005.

The immediate response was to isolate the leaking line (which is on the East side of the building). The decision was made between the IMT and DEC to restart the wells, and to keep responders out of the pipe rack area during the restart operation. The blind flanges were applied at 11:30 AM, and the wells are expected to be operational by tonight.

Concurrently SRT personnel began to delineate the zone of contamination on the downwind (West) side of the building, and BPXA activated their IMT. An aerial photograph of the spill site was scheduled for today, and surveyors were hired to accurately map the oiled zone. Heavily oiled, compacted snow was removed from the roadways on the pad using heavy equipment. This allowed responders to access many more areas. A decontamination shelter, staging area office, and other response facilities have been mobilized to the site.

SOURCE CONTROL: The pipe was closed off by valves and then blinded at both ends.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: BPXA roughly estimates that the oil impacted area is nearly a mile in length and, on average, three hundred feet in width. The majority of the oil sprayed on the manifold building, surrounding structures, and on the gravel pad area. Most of the remaining area was lightly misted.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BPXA will continue to bring the wells back into production. BPXA will begin to remove recoverable oil from the snow-covered tundra, and continue work on plans to access the more heavily oiled areas around the manifold building.

WEATHER: Mostly sunny, temperature -2 ° F, with winds from the East at 9 MPH.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Rob Henry, BPXA
 F.O.S.C. : Carl Lautenberger, USEPA
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