

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: GC-2 Oil Transit Line Release

SITREP #: 15

SPILL NUMBER: 06399906101

LEDGER CODE: 14163060

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill was first discovered by BPXA operators at 5:45 AM, March 2, 2006. The spill was reported to ADEC by the State Troopers at 6:15 AM, March 2, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 10:00 AM, March 13, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 10:00 AM, March 15, 2006. **Sitreps are now scheduled for release on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, unless there is a major change in the situation status.**

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Crude oil. At 7:45 AM March 10, 2006, the Unified Command released the best available estimate on the volume of oil spilled. That estimate is between 201,000 and 267,000 gallons over a 1.93 acre area. This best available estimate based upon calculations obtained by the Volume Estimation Team from a comprehensive survey, including extensive probing of the product depths, and GPS mapping of the entire site. All estimates of the volume are from the best available information obtainable at this time.

LOCATION: A transit line between Gathering Center 2 (GC-2) and GC -1, Western Operating Unit, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: A quarter inch hole in the pipeline due to possible internal corrosion. The source is an above ground 34 inch diameter crude oil transit pipeline. The leak is from a small hole discovered in the pipe, under the caribou crossing. A fact-finding investigation is being conducted with a team including BPXA and State of Alaska representatives.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): BP Exploration Alaska (BPXA)

RESPONSE ACTION: Extreme cold weather (wind chill to as much as 63° below zero) has continued to hamper the cleanup activities over the weekend. At times workers have been limited to a maximum of 25 minutes exposure to the weather conditions before concern for personal safety has required that they be brought into a warm-up shelter for an extended period of time. Vacuum recovery of free flowing fluids, oiled snow and non-oiled snow removal from the spill site, and the continued excavation of contaminated gravel from the caribou crossing continue to be the highest cleanup priorities of both clean-up shifts. Four ADEC oil spill response staff are on site, monitoring the cleanup efforts, 24 hours a day and participating in the IMT.

The BPXA Incident Management Team (IMT) at the Prudhoe Bay Operations Center (PBOC) and the Business Support Team (BST) in Anchorage continue to operate. ADEC has a staff liaison coordinating with the BST in Anchorage.

To date the clean-up efforts have collected a total of: 59,976 gallons (1,428 bbls) of free flowing oil, 57 yards of oil contaminated gravel, and 1,668 yards of oil contaminated snow as of the 7:00 PM day shift change on March 12, 2006.

Over the past few days bobcats and generator systems have broken down, primarily due to the extreme cold weather conditions. Logistics is bringing in replacements from Fairbanks. All similar local assets are assigned to the cleanup or have been put into service elsewhere.

SOURCE CONTROL: A six foot sleeve/clamp was welded in place around the leak in the 34 inch pipeline, to complete the permanent repairs and was inspected and approved by 2:00 PM March 11, 2006. Additional inspections of the pipeline around the site will be conducted before any consideration can be given to restarting the pipeline at GC-2.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: A survey of the site has determined that at the most 1.93 acres of tundra and frozen lake surface may have been impacted by this spill.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Additional response actions include determining the cause of the spill and if any additional or other potential defects exist along the GC-2 pipeline . Plans to inspect the surrounding pipeline prior to reopening the GC-2 facility operations are being worked on at this time.

The Planning Section of the IMT is working on a draft Demobilization Plan for consideration by the Unified Command.

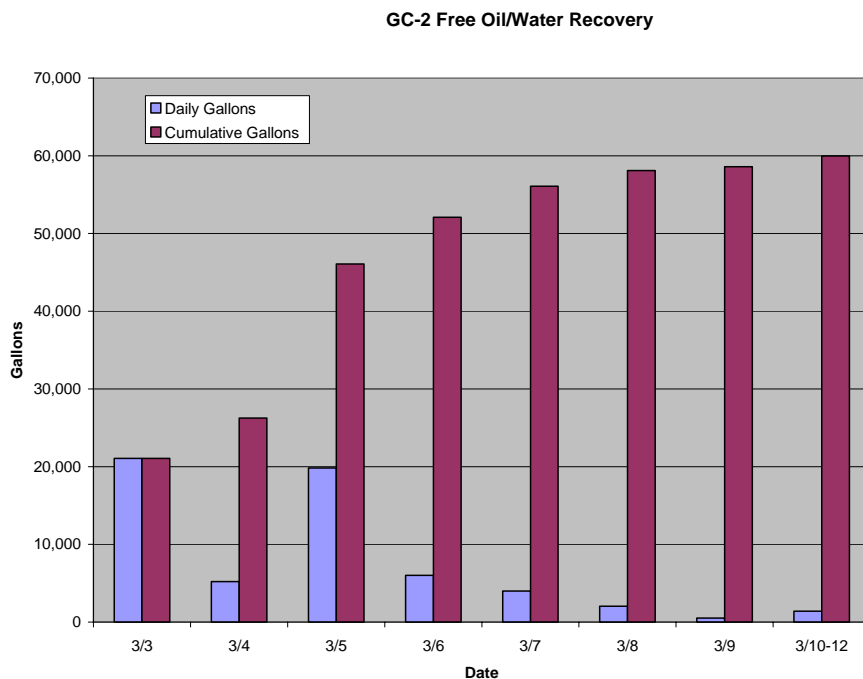
WEATHER: Mostly sunny, highs around 28°F below zero, southwest winds to 15 to 20 MPH with blowing snow and a wind chill to 50 degrees below zero during the daytime and as cold as 63 degrees below zero with the wind chill during the night.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	James Fausett (BPXA)
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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at the following Unified Command website:
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/gc2>



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