

**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 #:** 16

**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:** 10:30 AM, March 15, 2006.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 10:00 AM, March 17, 2006.

**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 is 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 internal corrosion. The source was at the 6 o'clock position in an above ground 34-inch diameter crude oil transit pipeline. The leak is from a hole discovered in the pipe, under a caribou crossing. A fact-finding investigation is underway with a team including BPXA and State of Alaska representatives and preliminary findings were jointly issued earlier this week.

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

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Weather on the North Slope remains very cold. Vacuum recovery of free flowing product has significantly decreased to the point of almost complete stoppage. Attempts to find and collect any free product continue. Recovery of oiled snow and the excavation of contaminated gravel from the caribou crossing continue to be the highest cleanup priorities of both of the 12 hour clean-up shifts. Three ADEC oil spill response staff are on site monitoring the cleanup efforts 24 hours a day and participating in the BPXA Incident Management Team (IMT).

The IMT at the Prudhoe Bay Operations Center (PBOC) and the Business Support Team (BST) in Anchorage continue to operate, although it is planned that the BST portion will be closing operations today. The BP Prudhoe Bay Manager will assume all response and support duties. ADEC will no longer have a staff liaison in 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 (as of March 13, 2006), 302 yards of oil contaminated gravel and 4,001 yards of oil contaminated snow as of the 7:00 AM night shift change on March 15, 2006.

BP Logistics continues to provide equipment from Fairbanks as backup to ensure that, should an asset break down, it can be immediately replaced without a significant impact to the cleanup effort.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** BP will inspect the pipeline around the site before restarting the pipeline at GC-2. In the meantime, this section remains shut down.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** A survey of the site has determined that at 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 Environmental Section of the IMT is working on a draft Tundra Treatment Plan for the review and approval of the Unified Command.

**WEATHER:** Mostly sunny, highs around 20°F below zero, southwest winds to 5 to 10 MPH with occasional blowing snow and a wind chill to 30 degrees below zero during the daytime and as cold as 50 degrees below zero with the wind chill during the night.

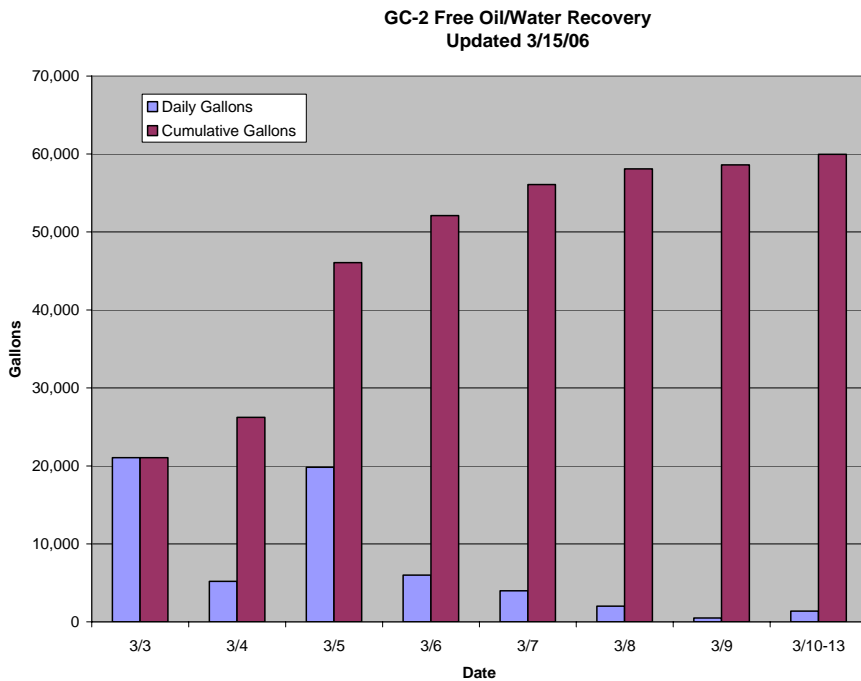
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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at the following Unified Command website:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/gc2>



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