

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 #: 19

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: 12:30 PM, March 28, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 12:00 PM, April 3, 2006

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Crude oil. On March 10, 2006, the Unified Command released the best available estimate on the volume of oil spilled. That estimate is 201,000 gallons +/- 33%, over a 1.93 acre area. This best available estimate is based upon calculations obtained by the Volume Estimation Team from a comprehensive survey that included extensive probing of the product depths and GPS mapping of the entire site. The volume estimates 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 within a buried culvert (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.

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

RESPONSE ACTION: The weather conditions in the Prudhoe Bay area have been -28° F to -12° F with light winds (calm to 10 kts) for the past week which has allowed response actions to continue on the spill site.

As of March 28, 2006 the cleanup efforts have collected a total of 63,546 gallons (1,513 bbls) of free flowing oil, 6,674 cubic yards of oil contaminated snow and soil, 344 cubic yards of contaminated gravel. All free flowing oil, contaminated snow, and the contaminated vegetative mat have been removed from the main area of the spill site. Within that area, oil has penetrated into cracks in the ground and around the ice wedges in the polygon troughs. An excavator will be brought in to remove this oil.

Due to concern for worker safety, responders have only recently been allowed to access the area under the pipe-rack by the caribou crossing to conduct cleanup activities. BPXA is beginning to resume flow of crude oil in the 24 inch pipelines adjacent to the 34 inch pipeline (spill source). BPXA is bringing a couple of wells back on line to slowly pump crude oil through the 24 inch lines. As the crude oil begins to flow and warm up the line, the pipelines have the potential to shift on the rack causing a dangerous situation for the workers. The pipes have been chocked to prevent movement and a spotter is being used while workers are in that area. Hand tools and a walk-behind Bobcat will be used to remove the contaminated snow under the pipe-rack.

Cleanup plans are being finalized for the shoreline and lake ice. Approximately 150 feet of shoreline has had light to heavy oiling that will need to be cleaned up. In addition some oil has migrated between the ice and the bottom of the lake. The lake in this area is frozen to the bottom and no water is present. The ice will be removed to evaluate the extent of the oiling.

Implementation of the Sampling Plan is under way. Soil samples are being taken and analyzed for hydrocarbon content. Data from the Sampling Plan will be used to help develop the Restoration Plan for this site.

Two snow melting machines continue to melt the contaminated snow that has been collected from the spill site. The recovered liquids are being stored at Flow Station 2. It is estimated that the melting process will be completed in two to three weeks.

Pipeline restart plans are being developed.

SOURCE CONTROL: BPXA will inspect the GC-2 transit pipeline and make necessary repairs before restarting the pipeline.

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: The cleanup under the pipeline will continue with the current safety restrictions in place. Cleanup of the shoreline will be conducted following the approval of that plan. Oiled cracks and ice wedges in the main area of the spill site will be removed using an excavator and trimmer. Restoration plans will continue to be developed.

WEATHER: Clear with occasional ice fog, temperatures range from -28° F to -12°F.

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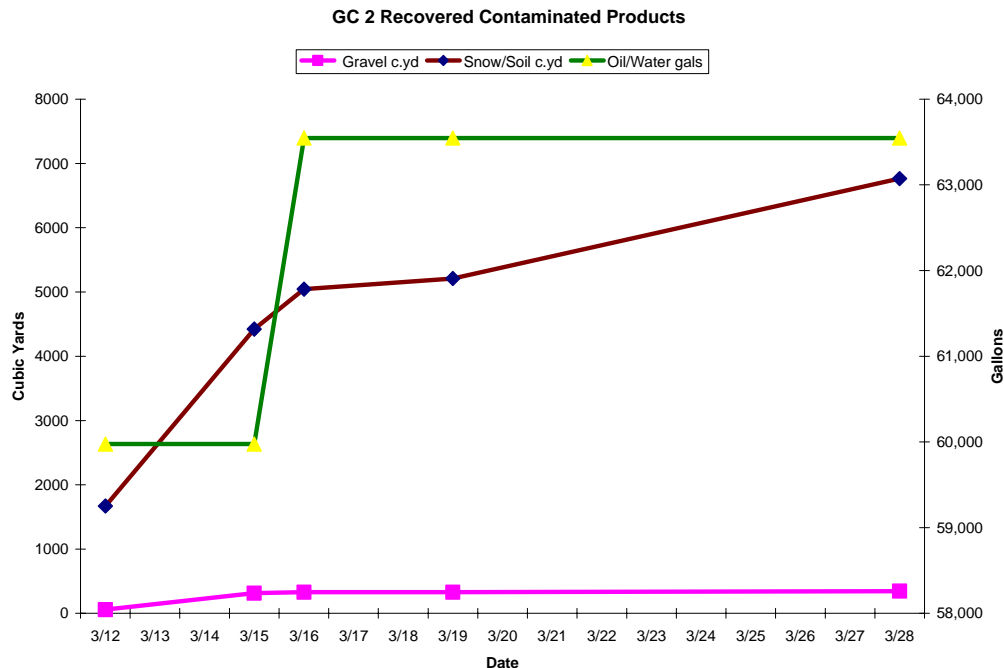
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<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/gc2>



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