

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 #: 22

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, May 3, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: The next sitrep will be issued when final spill volume data is available.

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: The joint incident investigation report dated April 14, 2006 confirms that the leak occurred as a result of internal corrosion. The source was a quarter inch hole at the 6 o'clock position in an above ground 34-inch diameter crude oil transit pipeline. The hole was discovered in the pipe within a buried culvert (caribou crossing).

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

RESPONSE ACTION: Clean-up work is complete as of May 2, 2006. The cleanup efforts have collected final totals of 64,596 gallons (1,538 barrels- bbls) of free flowing oil, 10,786 cubic yards of oil contaminated snow and soil, 484 cubic yards of contaminated gravel.

Soil sampling confirms that the entire spill site meets the clean-up criteria. The site has been backfilled and covered with veggie-mat. Veggie-mat is a 4 to 6 inch layer of chunks of live, frozen tundra that was taken from a donor site and transplanted to the spill site.

An independent contractor was hired to take a measurement of the oil accumulated in the tank at FS-2. A stock pile characterization plan is being implemented to estimate the volume of oil in the piles of gravel and tundra at the Grind and Inject (G&I) facility.

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: A final spill volume will be calculated once the oil volumes in the gravel and tundra have been determined. Those data are pending lab results. Spring activities will involve erosion, melt-water runoff, and wildlife management. The success of the tundra restoration efforts will be the subject of long-term monitoring.

WEATHER: Fog, temperatures range from 0° F to 15°F, east wind at 2 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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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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