

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Dillon Platform Pipeline Assessment      **SITREP #:** 1 and final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 06239923301

**LEDGER CODE:** Not assigned

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** August 21, 2006 at 10:35 AM

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** August 22, 2006 at 3:00 PM.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** This is the final report.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Approximately 1 ounce (0.008 gallons) of crude oil was observed on the water surface.

**LOCATION:** Central Cook Inlet between the Dillon Platform and the East Foreland area of the Kenai Peninsula.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Union Oil Company of California is in the process of performing a competency investigation of the Platform Dillon "C" 8-inch oil pipeline. Repairs are being made to the pipeline so that it can be cleaned to meet abandonment standards. Platform Dillon is presently classified as 'lighthouse caretaker' status. In 1999, the pipeline had been identified as 'out-of-service' by a previous operator. As such the line is subject to the abandonment process.

The competency investigation process requires the pressurization of the pipeline with air to evaluate the line's structural integrity. As the pipeline was pressurized, two breaks were discovered through observations of bubbles on the water surface. Light and broken silver oil sheen was briefly spotted on the surface around the bubbles from the pipeline air discharge. An ADEC spill responder was aboard the vessel during the field observations of the oil discharge.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Union Oil Company of California

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Recognizing the potential for a release during the investigation, Union Oil Company of California held a meeting in Kenai on August 3, 2006 to discuss their intentions for the abandonment work on the pipeline and to address the concerns for a potential release. Meeting attendees included ADEC, U.S.C.G., Cook Inlet RCAC, and Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response, Inc. (CISPRI).

The discharge was observed by a Union Oil Company of California representative, an ADEC spill responder, and CISPRI personnel from the spill response vessel Seabulk Nevada. CISPRI was fully prepared to respond with personnel and equipment to a significant discharge should one have occurred. At the time of the minor release, a determination was made by all involved that the light sheen observed was unrecoverable.

To assess the damaged lines, divers were deployed to the pipeline where the breaks were identified. Two areas of the pipeline showed significant wear from erosion. Future plans by Union Oil Company of California are to repair the openings prior to continuing with the abandonment process.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Union Oil Company of California was prepared to shut down the pressurization of the line in case of a major release. The light sheen released was determined by on site observers to not be enough to shut down the pressurization of the pipeline.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Waters of the Cook Inlet

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Union Oil Company of California plans to repair the breaks in the line so that they may perform proper pipeline abandonment work.

**WEATHER:** Calm winds and partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the upper fifties

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Pete LaPella  
S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley  
Field S.O.S.C.: Randy Dowd

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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