

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Trans Alaska Pipeline, RGV 32                      **SITREP #:** 2

**SPILL NUMBER:** To be assigned.                                              **LEDGER CODE:** To be assigned.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** Alyeska discovered the spill at 8:20 AM and reported the spill to ADEC at the Joint Pipeline Office at approximately 9:10 AM, January 9, 2007.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 12:00 PM, January 9, 2007

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 4:00 PM, January 9, 2007

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (Alyeska) reported approximately 400-500 gallons of crude oil spilled from the Trans Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) at Remote Gate Valve (RGV) 32.

**LOCATION:** TAPS, Remote Gate Valve 32. The location is about 35 miles south of Pump Station 4 at TAPS mile 178.7, south of Atigun Pass.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Failed weld on a threaded o-ring fitting on the 2" bypass line around RGV-32.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The spill was discovered at 8:20 AM by a member of the pump station baseline crew. ADEC was notified of the spill at 9:10 AM.

The release occurred on a 2" bypass line tap that provides pressure relief to operate RGV-32. The cause of the spill was a failed weld on a threaded o-ring fitting on the bypass line. At 9:30 AM, Alyeska closed valves on the bypass line and the source was controlled and the pipeline is no longer spilling oil. There are no injuries or fatalities.

The crude oil spilled from an above ground section of the pipeline to gravel at the remote gate valve pad. Alyeska responders on-scene have inspected the spill site and determined that the spill is confined to an area about 5 feet by 25 feet on the gravel pad and there is no impact to tundra or any water drainages. Crude oil has pooled under the piping at the remote gate valve.

APSC has shut down the TAPS, including gate valves 31-35 on the main pipeline. At this time, re-start of the TAPS is unknown. Two ADEC staff who were responding to a spill on the North Slope have diverted to RGV-32. APSC has formed an Incident Management Team at the Fairbanks Emergency Operations Center (FEOC). One ADEC staff is at the FEOC.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Valves have been closed on the bypass line and the source has been controlled and the pipeline is no longer spilling oil. TAPS has been shut down.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** Gravel pad at RGV-32.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Participate in the Unified Command at the FEOC, inspect field response activities, monitor repairs, review plans and provide approvals.

**WEATHER:** Mostly clear, temperature -35° to -40° F., light winds

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: John Baldrige, Alyeska  
 F.O.S.C.: Carl Lautenberger, EPA  
 S.O.S.C.: Ed Meggert, ADEC  
 Field S.O.S.C.: Tom DeRuyter and Wes Ghormley, ADEC

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ed Meggert, ADEC, 451-2124

Photographs and other spill information will be available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

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North Slope Borough	Johnny Aiken	Fax	Planning Director	852-0440	852-5991

### Location of Spill

