



Media Advisory

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Unified Command to hold press briefing at the USGS Science Center Monday

**Editor's Note: A press briefing will be held at the USGS Alaska Science Center at 1:00 p.m. to provide an update on recent volcano activity and the Drift River Terminal. The media is encouraged to attend. Please address questions about the briefing to the Joint Information Center (907) 301.2074 Mob.*

To call into the press briefing please dial 1 (866) 744.4861 and enter code 3986553 followed by the pound sign.

The USGS Alaska Science Center (previously referred to as the Alaska Volcano Observatory) is located on the Alaska Pacific University Campus at 4210 University Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - The Unified Command, Drift River Terminal Coordination, will be holding a press briefing today to provide an update on the Drift River event. USGS staff attached to the Alaska Volcano Observatory will provide an update on Mt. Redoubt's activity.

There have been no injuries to the crews at the facility and there has been no release of oil into the environment.

Approximately 60 percent of the 6.3 million gallons (148,000 barrels) of crude oil stored at the facility has been transferred to the Seabulk Arctic. About 840,000 gallons (20,000 barrels) of water from Cook Inlet using the Seabulk Arctic is being pushed back into the two oil tanks in service to prevent them from becoming buoyant.

Eleven Cook Inlet Pipe Line Company employees remain at the facility and two are located on the Christy Lee platform. Once the transfers are complete the employees will complete some housekeeping and security tasks around the facility prior to leaving. Operations at the terminal will be temporarily suspended once today's transfer is complete until the volcano's eruptive cycle enters a period of continued calm.

Cook Inlet Pipe Line Company and their upstream customers are considering the impacts of temporarily suspending operations and the future of production on the Western Cook Inlet. Questions regarding production and commerce can be addressed to Chevron, Pacific Energy Resources and the Dept. of Labor. Appropriate contacts within those organizations are forthcoming.

For more information please visit: the Coast Guard District 17 website at <http://www.uscgalaska.com> or the State of Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation Site at http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/response/sum_fy09/090324201/090324201_index.htm.

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