

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Drift River Terminal Coordination **SITREP #:** 13

SPILL NUMBER: 09239908201 **LEDGER CODE:** 14254760

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Potential release

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 6:00 PM, April 05, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 6:00 PM, April 06, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Potential (6,216,000 gallons or 148,000 barrels) Cook Inlet Crude, plus diesel fuels and lube oils.

LOCATION: Drift River Oil Terminal (DROT), West side Cook Inlet, 60° 36.00 N - 152° 11.00 W

CAUSE OF SPILL: Volcanic eruption/flooding. Mount Redoubt initially erupted on March 22, 2009 at 10:38 PM, followed by several other eruptions. The resultant lahars (or volcanic mudflows) caused extensive flooding at the Drift River Terminal. However, no oil or hazardous substance releases have been reported at this time.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Cook Inlet Pipe Line Company (CIPL)

RESPONSE ACTION: There have been no additional large explosive eruptions since the morning of April 4. Current activity (5:00 pm ADT) consists of eruptions of low-level plumes of steam and ash and seismicity consistent with resumed dome growth. Activity may escalate with little or no warning, or may stay relatively constant for a period of days. A smaller, intermittent plume has been sighted coming from the northwest base of the volcano; this is to be expected as hot debris from yesterday's explosion interacts with snow, ice, and water. AVO has a gas monitoring flight in progress at the volcano today.

The volcano remains at aviation color code RED and alert level WARNING. Due to the current aviation red condition, no overflights are scheduled today, except for the AVO gas monitoring flight.

The Unified Command has authorized plans to draw down oil from the DROT starting today. Cook Inlet Pipe Line Company will not accept oil shipments for storage or transport until Mt. Redoubt volcano activity ceases. The crude oil transfers from the DROT will begin this evening to the tanker Seabulk Arctic.

The CIPL crew repaired the pump generators and pressure-tested the crude oil transfer line between the Christy Lee platform and the DROT. A series of transfers of crude oil to the tanker and ballast water back to the shore facility will be conducted to minimize the amount of crude oil remaining at the DROT.

CISPRI will conduct soundings again at the Christy Lee platform in preparation for the tanker arrival. The expected duration of the transfer operation will be dictated by the utmost concern for personnel safety. A tug and a response vessel will be on-scene with the tanker during the entire operation.

CISPRI oil spill response equipment continues to be positioned to respond to a spill from the DROT or the Seabulk Arctic. Response equipment in the central and lower Cook Inlet can respond from either direction in a timely manner. Central Cook Inlet response equipment is still in position to assist the oil platforms or loading facilities in Nikiski or Anchorage.

The USCG issued a safety advisory for vessel traffic within Cook Inlet. The safety advisory covers all Cook Inlet waters between the area south of the East Foreland and north of Anchor Point.

SOURCE CONTROL: The facility and pipeline were shut down on the morning of March 23, 2009. The terminal and pipeline remain secured at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Drift River, Rust Slough and Redoubt Bay, Cook Inlet

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: IMT and Unified Command will continue to operate at the incident command post located at the Sheraton Hotel. A UC press conference is scheduled for April 6, 1:00 PM at the AVO office in Anchorage.

WEATHER: Today: Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the 30s. Variable wind 10 mph. Cloudy. Monday: A chance of snow showers. Highs in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Variable wind 10 mph.

AGENCY AND COMPANY LEAD REPRESENTATIVES:

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Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO): <http://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

AVO website current photos of Drift River Terminal:

<http://www.avo.alaska.edu/volcanoes/volcact.php?volcname=Redoubt&page=images&eruptionid=610&limit=1>

Unified Command/Situation Updates Website: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/drot>

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