

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Lisburne Common Line Release

SITREP #: 11

SPILL NUMBER: 09399933301

LEDGER CODE: 14281660

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill was discovered at approximately 3:05 AM, November 29, 2009 by the BPXA operator making a routine check. BPXA notified ADEC at approximately 4:45 AM on November 29, 2009.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on December 9, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 12:00 PM on December 10, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The spill was from an 18-inch three-phase common line carrying a mixture of crude oil, produced water, and natural gas. BPXA estimated the total volume of oily material released to be 45,828 gallons (1,091 barrels). This is a preliminary estimate only.

LOCATION: Approximately 1.5 miles from the Lisburne Production Center (LPC) heading east along the Drill Site Line 3 (L03) and west of T3C, Prudhoe Bay, North Slope, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The Unified Command issued a press release stating that the 18-inch pipeline ruptured along the bottom creating an opening two feet in length. The Unified Command noted that the rupture was caused by too much pressure in the line linked to ice plugs.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): BP Exploration Alaska, Inc. (BPXA)

RESPONSE ACTION: A bobcat rubber-track loader is mechanically collecting contaminated material from within the heavily contaminated area. The material is being collected in totes, passed to clean equipment outside the contamination zone, and ultimately transferred to the East Dock for storage. Mechanical recovery continues to be the primary clean-up method. Work crews mechanically removed approximately 226 cubic yards of contaminated material from the site during the 24-hour operational period ending at 6:00 AM today.

Steaming operations have ceased; equipment for this operation was demobilized, but could be recalled within 24 hours. The volume of contaminated material recovered through this tactic is approximately 6,174 gallons.

Work on the ice-road continues; approximately 1.1 miles of the ice-road is complete. BPXA continues the moving of contaminated snow across the tundra using rolligon equipment. A rolligon is a specialized, low-impact, off-road vehicle. The rolligon will be replaced with flatbed trucks once the ice-road is complete.

SOURCE CONTROL: The 18-inch pipeline between the LPC and L03 was shut in. BPXA reports that the 18-inch line is no longer leaking product.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: BPXA estimates that 8,400 square-feet of snow-covered tundra have been affected, with some contamination on the gravel road. Reports indicate that no product has reached the waters or shorelines of Prudhoe Bay. There are no reports of affected wildlife at this time. Passive hazing has been established at the spill site as a precaution to keep wildlife from entering the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Mechanical and manual snow removal will continue until determined to be no longer necessary. The colder weather should help with the completion of the ice-road, allowing direct access to the spill site.

WEATHER: Today: Mostly cloudy with patchy flurries and fog. Temperatures 10 to 15 with winds out of the southeast at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with patchy flurries and fog. Temperatures 10 to 15 with winds out of the west at 10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Randy Selman, BPXA
 F.O.S.C.: Matt Carr, EPA
 S.O.S.C.: John Ebel, ADEC
 Field S.O.S.C.: Paul Lhotka, ADEC
 L.O.S.C.: Waska Williams, North Slope Borough

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Gardner, ADEC, (907) 269-7682/632-2626 or Scot Tiernan, ADEC, (907) 465-5378.

Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/lisburne>

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Acronyms/Abbreviations:

ADF&G = Alaska Department of Fish and Game	EPA = U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ADNR = Alaska Department of Natural Resources	NMFS = National Marine Fisheries Service
AOGCC = Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission	SECC = State Emergency Coordination Center
DOI = U.S. Department of the Interior	USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Photo by ADEC

A bobcat collects contaminated snow for removal during cleanup operations.



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A rolligon moves contaminated soil from the spill site to the Lisburne Production Center (LPC). Rollagons have large oversized tires which allow them to drive on tundra without causing damage.