

Incident Name: Pump Station 1 Booster Pump Piping Incident
Source: Unified Command Joint Information Center
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***** Media Advisory *****

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Trans Alaska Pipeline System response ramps down with careful monitoring ahead

The Unified Command for the Pump Station 1 Booster Pump Piping Incident will stand down tomorrow, Jan. 18, following the restart of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System this morning. Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's Incident Management Team will remain in place until crude oil temperatures normalize. The restart was made possible by the completion of a bypass pipe that routed the pipeline around a leak in Pump Station 1.

The Unified Command—comprised of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Alyeska Pipeline Service Company—led the coordinated response, which included more than 600 industry and contract workers and federal and state agency responders.

ADEC will assign a project manager who will continue to actively manage the state response and follow-up to this incident until the investigation and oversight is completed.

After the leak was detected on Jan. 8, responders installed an 800-gallon containment vault and parked vacuum trucks on-site to remove oil from the vault. The total recovery estimate from Pump Station 1 is about 317 barrels of oil. Officials will investigate the source of the leak. There is no known harm to wildlife or the environment due to this incident.

The Joint Information Center for the Unified Command is now closed. Media calls can be directed to Michelle Egan, Director of Corporate Communications for Alyeska Pipeline, at 907-787-8397, or the public information team in Fairbanks at 907-450-5857. ADEC will maintain the Unified Command website at www.dec.alaska.gov/spar/ps1