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SITUATION REPORT (*sitrep*)

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BPXA H Pad Well 8 Three-Phase Flowline Spill

SITREP #: 3

SPILL #: 14399911801

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. on May 1, 2014

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

INCIDENT LOCATION: BPXA West Operating Area, H Pad Well 8, Prudhoe Bay

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The incident started at 2:30 p.m. on April 28, 2014, when natural gas, crude oil and produced water began escaping from the line. The line was isolated by valves and depressurized at 4:30 p.m., at which point the release stopped.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: During routine inspections, a pad operator observed the release.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Natural gas and produced water containing crude oil were released. The spill volume is unknown at this time.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the release is under investigation

SOURCE CONTROL: Source control has been established. The section of pipe that caused the release has been positively isolated by blinds.

RESPONSE ACTION:

The evening of April 30, workers at the H Pad facility continued freeze protection operations by pressure testing piping in the manifold building. At approximately 10:30 p.m., pressure testing was halted, and the recovery crew was able to direct all attention toward contaminated snow removal, removing 70 cubic yards from the tundra.

Today, May 1, a crew of forty continues work with hand tools, focusing on the most contaminated areas just off-pad from the flowline rupture. The plan is to have an overlap of the day crew and night crew: the day crew will be joined by the night crew at 3:30 p.m., and the two crews will work in conjunction until 9:30 p.m.

Also today, workers will begin using backhoes to remove a large berm of snow – a stockpile of snow routinely cleared from the pad – that was contaminated during the rupture.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Approximately 33 acres of snow-covered tundra and two acres of gravel pad have been sprayed with an oily mist to varying degrees of coverage. No wildlife has been observed at the site.



FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BPXA and ACS have a plan for deterring wildlife from the spill area for the safety of both responders and wildlife. A Waste Management Plan is in development, as well as a Spill-Product Sampling Plan.

WEATHER: Overcast skies, mid-30s, winds SSW at 12 mph. Tonight, temperatures will return to the mid-20s with 0% chance of precipitation.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Shawn Croghan, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc
SOSC: Sarah Moore, ADEC
FOSC: Matt Carr, EPA
LOSC: Gordon Brower, North Slope Borough

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. on **May 2, 2014**

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http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sum_fy14/140428301/140428301_index.htm

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