



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Spill Prevention and Response**  
**Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program**  
***SITUATION REPORT***

## **BPXA GC-2 Skim Oil Tank Release**

**SITREP #:** 1 and Final

**SPILL #:** 15399933601

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 4:45 p.m. on December 2, 2015

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

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** BPXA's Gathering Center (GC) 2 facility, Tank 7703. Located within the Western Operating Area, Greater Prudhoe Bay oil field.

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** The overfill started at 5:45am on December 2, 2015

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** The release was discovered by BPXA GC-2 control room personnel within 15 minutes after the time of release. The event was reported to ADEC at 7:18 am on December 2, 2015.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The spilled product is crude oil. BPXA estimates that 100 bbls of crude oil was released in to secondary containment.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Faulty transmitter on Tank 7703, which allowed overfill of the tank during product transfer.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Product transfer was stopped at the time of discovery; source control has been achieved.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** Response crews will continue 24-hour operations, utilizing vacuum trucks for direct suction and hot water to prevent the crude oil from becoming too viscous for recovery. At this time, approximately 15 bbls of spilled product has been recovered. Responders has also installed a fence around the spill site to prevent wildlife from entering.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** All of the product was released in to secondary containment. A significant amount of snow was also present in the secondary containment area. No personnel were injured during the release. No wildlife has been observed in the vicinity of the spill site.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** ADEC will continue to monitor the response actions and review plans being developed to recover and dispose of released product.

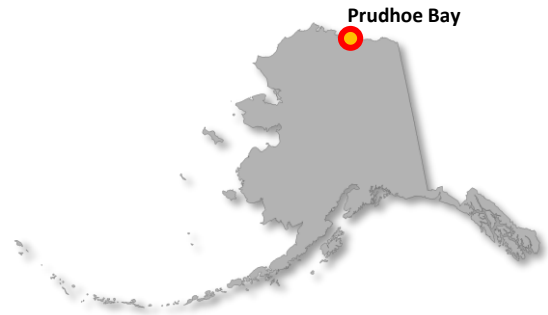
**WEATHER:** Today: Generally cloudy; Highs around -14°F; Northeast winds at 10 to 15 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy skies; Highs near -20°F; Northeast winds at 10 to 15 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Brett Leach, BPXA

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**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** This is the final report.

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Photo of spill site, with vacuum truck utilized for product recovery depicted (Photo/ADEC)



Tank 7703, some released product visible underneath the elevated tank (Photo/ADEC)

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