



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



## **BPXA DS 2 Well 3 Release**

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL #:** 17399910401

**TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION:** 12:00 P.M. ON APRIL 14, 2017

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** BP EXPLORATION ALASKA, INC. (BPXA)

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** BPXA Drill Site 2 (DS2) pad, Well 3 in the Greater Prudhoe Bay area approximately 5 miles from the Deadhorse Airport (Lat/Log: 70.268653, -148.78641).

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** Unknown.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** BPXA employees discovered the uncontrolled gas release from the top of a well house at approximately 7:30 a.m. on April 14, 2017. The crude spray from the top of the well house was confirmed at approximately 8:15 a.m. BPXA reported the spill to ADEC via the Fairbanks spill reporting line at 8:45 a.m. on April 14, 2017.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The well is currently venting gas, which caused a spray of crude to impact the well pad, as well as the surrounding tundra. The release is ongoing, and no volume is available at this time.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The cause of the release is unknown at this time. ADEC is coordinating with BPXA and the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) to investigate the cause of the release.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Source control has not yet been established. BPXA has depressurized the DS2 in an effort to control the well.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** ADEC is mobilizing response personnel to the BPXA Command Post located on the North Slope. BPXA is initiating the ramp up of their Tier II Incident Management Team (IMT). Responders are not able to safely assess the impacted area until the well has been controlled.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** ADEC has received notification that crude has impacted the DS2 gravel pad and potentially the snow covered tundra that is adjacent to DS2. The area that has been impacted is unknown at this time. There are no reports of any impacts to wildlife.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Once well control has been achieved, BPXA will work with their Oil Spill Response Organization, Alaska Clean Seas (ACS), to delineate the impacted area. BPXA will work with ADEC, EPA, and the North Slope Borough to form a Unified Command (UC). Cleanup plans will be developed through the Incident Command System and with guidance from the UC. BPXA has plans to mobilize an aircraft with forward looking infrared (FLIR ) capabilities to assess the impacted area.

**WEATHER:** Today: Clear skies; high 13F, low 5F; winds from the east with gusts up to 30mph; 30% chance of snow. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies; high 13F, low 3F; winds from the east at 25 to 40mph; 10% chance of snow.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Andy Burden, BPXA  
SOSC: Tom DeRuyter, ADEC  
FOSC-R: Nick Knowles, EPA  
LOSC: Brower Franz, NSB

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** 2:00 p.m. April 15, 2017

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Candice Bressler, PIO, ADEC (907) 465-5009

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Location Map and Aerial Photo

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