



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

[North Slope, AK]

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## 2026 WNS Rig Move Incident

**SITREP #:** 3

**SPILL #:** 26399902301

**DATE/TIME OF DISTRIBUTION:** February 04, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
Information current as of February 04, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Doyon Drilling, Inc. (DDI)

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** Western North Slope (WNS) adjacent to a gravel road about 6.5 miles northwest of Nuiqsut. GPS coordinates: 70.303724, -151.145293

**DATE/TIME OF SPILL:** January 23, 2026, at 4:40 p.m.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** During a rig move along a gravel road, the Rig 26 self-propelled drilling module left the road and toppled onto the tundra.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** According to the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) for Rig 26, the maximum potential product on board was 8,400 gallons of diesel, 1,930 gallons hydraulic oil, and 85 gallons of ethylene glycol. Fuel volumes in the diesel tanks were measured approximately 30 minutes prior to the incident indicating that approximately 4,000 gallons were on board. Visual inspections conducted estimate volumes released to be approximately 4,000 gallons of diesel and 600 gallons of hydraulic oil. Ethylene glycol tanks appear structurally intact, though minor leaks cannot be ruled out at this time.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The cause of the accident is unknown. Investigation will begin when safe to do so. DDI **has engaged** a third-party firm to conduct a full investigation of the incident.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** No ongoing leaks are observed.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** The response continues to prioritize the safety of all personnel first and foremost. Initial delineation of the spill area was conducted using visual, infrared, and aerial methods. Where safe to do so, sandbags were placed to minimize migration of diesel. **After multiple delays due to unsafe weather conditions, additional containment and recovery tactics have been deployed, including constructing a snow fence around the entire site to minimize migration of contaminated snow. An ice trail was constructed to support snow removal operations and safe access around the delineated area while mitigating damage to the tundra. An ice road and pad are being constructed in preparation for rig deconstruction and removal. Oil spill response technicians have begun flushing contaminated areas with water and have recovered and estimated 111 gallons of product for disposal. Periodic, routine air monitoring has been established at the site.**



**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** The drilling module landed on tundra covered in 12 to 24 inches of snow. The closest oil and gas infrastructure, **K-Pad**, is located approximately 50 feet away and was not impacted. **The pipeline is an estimated 202 feet away from the rig and was not impacted by the incident.** Based on available maps, the site is less than 500 feet from a tributary to the Nechelik (**Nigliq**) Channel of the Colville River. The spill area lies within critical habitat for denning and non-denning polar bears and habitat for caribou, Arctic fox, muskox, and ptarmigan. **Trained wildlife observers have reported one Arctic fox and a collared muskox in the area, however no impacts to wildlife have been observed or reported.** There remains no direct threat to the community and no traffic concerns at this time.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

As safety allows and weather permits, spilled products will continue to be identified, delineated, and addressed. Standardized tactics from published spill response tactic manuals will **continue to** be used.

**WEATHER:** Today: **-21°F with sustained east winds at 18 mph, blowing snow.**

Tomorrow: **-18°F with sustained east winds at 13 mph, clear skies.**

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Andrew Honea, Doyon Drilling, Inc.

SOSC: **Nicole Allard**, DEC

FOSC: Torri Huelskoetter, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

LOSC: Chastity Olemaun, North Slope Borough (NSB)

TOSC: Stephanie Nelson, Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS)

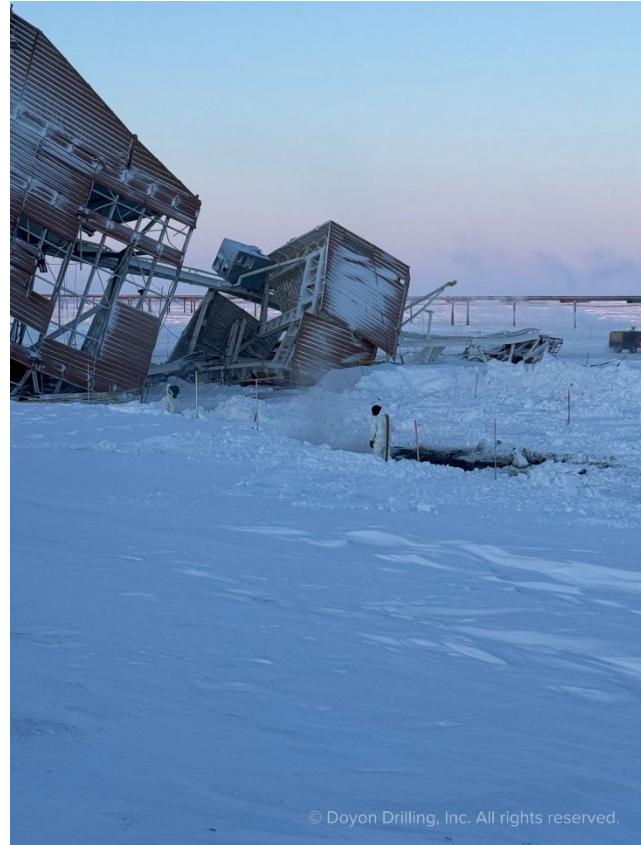
**DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION:** As the situation warrants.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** **Nicole Allard, State on Scene Coordinator, DEC (907) 451-2159**

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Alaska Clean Seas' spill response technicians flushing contaminated areas to the east of the fallen drilling module on February 4th, 2026, provided courtesy of Doyon Drilling, Inc.

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