



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

Point Thomson  
Export Pipeline

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## 2024 Point Thomson Export Pipeline Leak

SITREP #: 3<sup>and Final</sup>

SPILL #: 24399901301

DATE/TIME OF DISTRIBUTION: February 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.  
Information current as of February 2, 2024, at 4:30 PM

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Harvest Alaska, LLC

INCIDENT LOCATION: The release was located on the North Slope, approximately 35 miles east of Prudhoe Bay and approximately 1 mile southeast of the Badami Pad. Lat/ long: 70.1347 N, 147.0694 W

DATE/TIME OF SPILL: On January 13, 2024, at 10:19 PM Alaska Standard Time (AKST), Harvest Alaska, LLC (Harvest Alaska) received a leak detection alarm, indicating a release from the pipeline.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED: After receiving the leak detection alarm and isolating the line, air and ground resources were deployed. Visual confirmation of the leak was observed via aircraft on January 14, 2024, at 11:54 A.M. The ground survey crew provided additional visual confirmation shortly thereafter.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The release is an unknown volume of liquid natural gas condensate (condensate). While the volume is still currently being determined, the maximum potential released from the pipeline was calculated by Harvest Alaska to be 11,550 gallons (275 barrels). Currently, the recovered contaminated snow is being staged in Deadhorse. Recovered contaminated snow will be melted, and then the natural gas condensate will be separated out and measured to refine the calculation of the amount of product leaked.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Investigation into the cause of the spill is on-going.

SOURCE CONTROL: The pipeline was immediately shut in and depressurized following the leak alarm notification, which has stopped any remaining condensate from leaving the pipeline. **The repair clamp installation was completed on January 28, 2024, establishing source control of the spill.**

RESPONSE ACTIONS: **A Unified Command (UC) was stood up for two and a half weeks to manage the incident that included the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the North Slope Borough (NSB). The UC was dissolved on Wednesday January 31, 2024, and the response moved into a project phase to carry out the UC-approved cleanup plans.**



There are no reports of injuries to personnel on the response.

The core spill area has been well delineated. Trace amounts of product have been identified outside of the original delineation and have been mapped for cleanup. Response equipment for cleanup operations is on-site, including air monitoring equipment and contaminated snow is being removed from the tundra with both heavy equipment and hand shovels. The removed snow is being transported to an ice pad in Deadhorse for assessment, melting, and disposal or recycling through approved facilities. Localized areas of oiled vegetation were thermally treated, taking care not to impact the underlying tundra. Response activities continue as weather allows for safe working conditions.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** There are no reports of oiled animals. Caribou, birds, and a muskox have been observed approximately ½ mile or further outside of the spill area. A cultural resources review has been conducted for the impacted area, and the State Historic Preservation Office and NSB have been consulted. The USCG requested initiation of Endangered Species Act emergency section 7 consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

There are multiple frozen tundra ponds in the vicinity, and there is a small frozen non-anadromous stream approximately 750 feet to the east of the pipeline leak location.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Monitoring and cleanup efforts continue on-site and plans for the remediation of residual product are currently being evaluated.

**WEATHER:** February 2, 2024: slight chance of snow with a high of -13F and snow likely with areas of blowing snow and a low of -23F.

Tomorrow, February 3, 2024: High of -11F with snow likely and areas of freezing fog. Overnight chance of snow and areas of freezing fog with a low of -19F.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Andrew Limmer, Harvest Alaska

SOSC: Kimberley Maher, ADEC

FOSC: CWO Anne Marie Borkowski, USCG

LOSC: Leroy Oenga, NSB

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

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Figure 1. Incident Location



Figure 2. Incident Location (provided by Harvest Alaska)

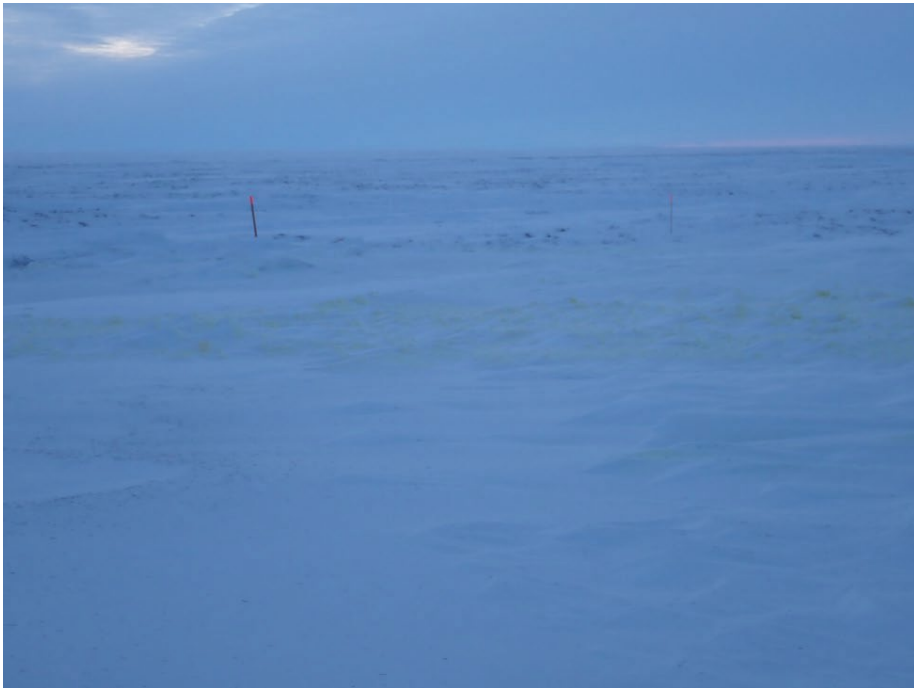


Figure 3. Stakes delineating area with light yellow natural gas condensate on snow on January 17, 2024. Photo provided by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.



Figure 4. Working on getting scaffolding for pipeline jacket inspection. Fold-a-tank placed under pipeline in case of residual condensate on January 17, 2024. Photo provided by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.





Figure 5. Loading contaminated snow into a bin for transport to Deadhorse on January 17, 2024. Photo provided by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.



Figure 6. Repair Clamp installed on affected section of pipeline on January 28, 2024. Photo provided by Harvest Alaska, LLC.

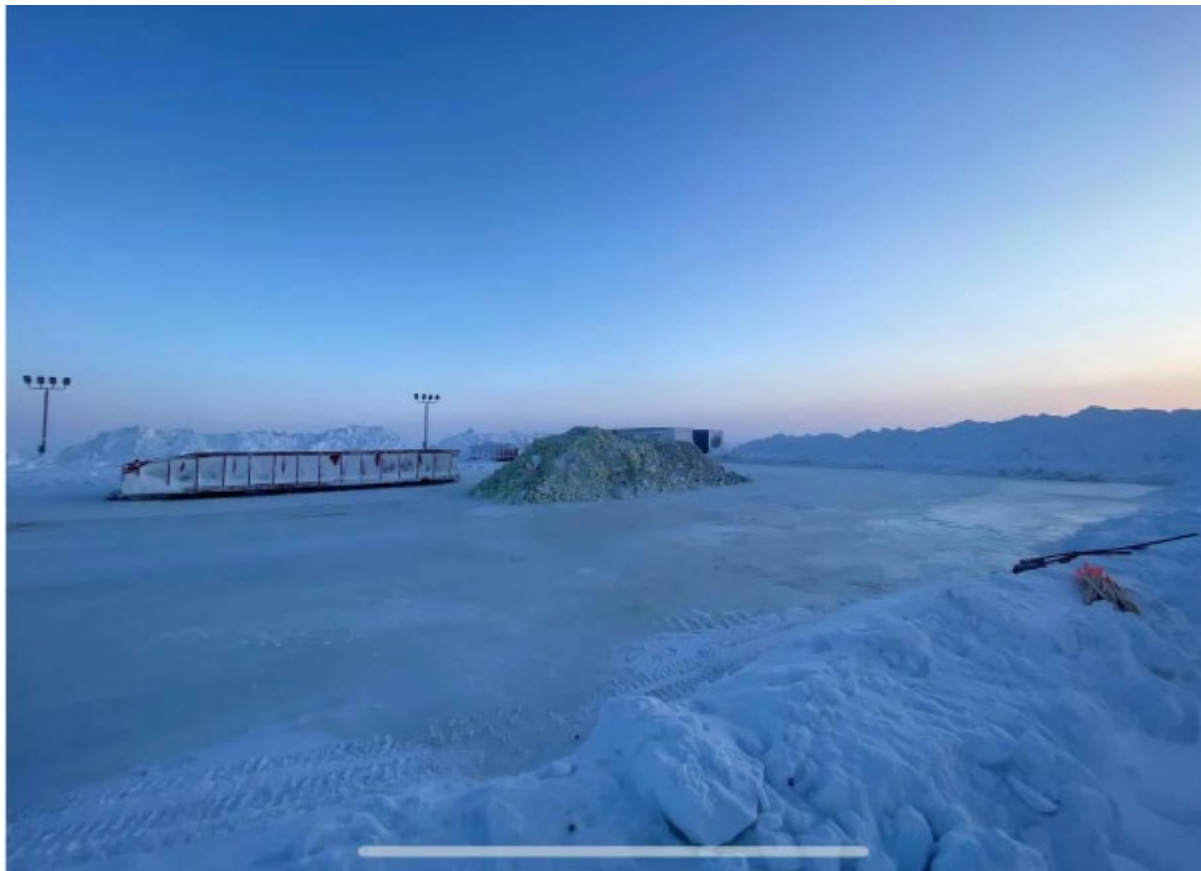


Figure 7. Contaminated snow staged at Deadhorse ice pad for disposal on January 27, 2024. Photo provided by Harvest Alaska, LLC.

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:** This situation report was distributed to the agencies listed on the standard distribution list, which includes the governor’s office, State Emergency Operations Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state agencies. This situation report was also distributed to the following agencies and stakeholders:

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