

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Marathon Beaver Creek Fire

SITREP #: 3

SPILL NUMBER: 04239933501

LEDGER CODE: 14138860

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 6:00 PM, November 30, 2004. The incident was reported to DEC at 6:40 PM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM, December 2, 2004

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM, December 3, 2004

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Produced fluids (produced water and natural gas condensate). Two 300-barrel (12,600 gallon) storage tanks were destroyed in a fire. Marathon officials estimate approximately 381 barrels (16,002 gallons) of produced fluids were released onto the pad. There is also an ongoing release of natural gas.

LOCATION: Beaver Creek Unit, Pad 1-A, Kenai, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Fire. The cause and source of the fire remains under investigation.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Marathon Oil Company, Kenai AK.

RESPONSE ACTION: According to Marathon officials the release of produced fluids has not migrated any further over the last 24 hours and remains confined within the pad berms. Natural gas is still escaping from well 1A. However, the well housing has been safely removed to allow for an assessment of the physical appearance and condition of the well. Nikiski Fire Department was onsite during this operation to provide emergency fire and medical services.

As of 12:30 today, 726 barrels (30,492 gallons) of produced fluids, storm water, and fire suppression liquids have been removed by vac truck from the lined retention basin and accumulation points on the pad. Planning procedures for controlling the natural gas well are currently under development by Marathon and their contractors. An engineering company based in Kenai has been hired by Marathon to provide environmental services and Cook Inlet Spill Response and Prevention Inc. (CISPRI) is continuing to provide atmospheric monitoring and site safety plans. Primary cleanup activities have been limited to site characterization and monitoring the area for hazardous atmospheres until the venting of the natural gas can be secured.

An ADEC responder is on-scene and providing oversight.

SOURCE CONTROL: The two 300-barrel tanks were destroyed in the fire. Efforts to control the release of natural gas are ongoing.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: A detailed site assessment will be conducted as soon as the natural gas release is stopped and safety allows. The pad is surrounded by a wooded area. A wetlands area is located 150 yards from the pad. There have been no reports of injured wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Marathon continues to work on stopping the release of natural gas. A detailed site assessment and cleanup will follow.

WEATHER: Snow, temperatures in the upper 20s and low 30s and winds out of the North at 15 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Ben Schoffmann (Marathon Oil Company)
 S.O.S.C: Gary Folley (ADEC)
 Field S.O.S.C: Randy Dowd (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Folley, 262-5210, x234, cell phone number 398-4368.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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