INCIDENT NAME: Drill Site 14 Crude Oil Spill
SPILL NUMBER: 05399910201
LEDGER CODE: 14102060
TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The release was discovered on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at approximately 2:30 AM by BP Exploration- Alaska, Inc. (BPXA) personnel. The spill was reported to ADEC by BPXA via the Alaska State troopers at 3:40 AM on April 12, 2005.
TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on April 14, 2005
TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on April 15, 2005
TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: BPXA reports that approximately 1.4 million standard cubic feet of natural gas and an estimated 10 – 30 barrels (420 – 1260 gallons) of crude oil were released as a mist. The mist settled onto the manifold building, pipes, tanks, and snow at Drill Site 14 (DS-14).
LOCATION: The release occurred at Drill Site 14, which is in the Greater Prudhoe Bay oil production field on the North Slope of Alaska.
CAUSE OF SPILL: The source of the spill is an artificial lift line that transports pressurized natural gas to Drill Site 14 for injection. A weld in the pipe appears to have failed. The exact cause of the weld failure is yet to be determined.
POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): BPXA
RESPONSE ACTION: An ADEC responder is onsite in Prudhoe Bay to participate in the Incident Management Team (IMT) as well as to oversee cleanup and disposal activities.

The Greater Prudhoe Bay Spill Response Team (SRT) was mobilized for the initial site entry. A total of 41 SRT members are currently on site with an additional 4 Village Response Team (VRT) members from Barrow. The SRT have been broken into teams to work in different areas of the spill site.

Work has been postponed east side of the building where the release occurred so that the root cause investigation team can observe what initial conditions were present when the release occurred. The team is expected to arrive on April 15 or 16, 2005. Clean up work in this area will begin once the investigation team allows.

Response efforts have been concentrated to the west of the manifold building and extending well beyond the pad edge, as well as the ground underneath the manifold building. Workers have been sweeping and shoveling the contaminated snow into piles both around the manifold building and out on the tundra. The contaminated snow is then being removed via bobcats and snow machines with bucket-like trailers. All contaminated snow is being hauled to the Grind & Inject (G&I) facility for disposal. BPXA anticipates finishing with the clean up in this area today.

A plan to clean off the buildings, tanks, pipelines and other structures is being designed. Another crew will be brought in to handle this part of the clean up. This is expected to begin in the early part of next week.

The DS-14 wells have been brought back on-line and are fully operational.

SOURCE CONTROL: The pipe was closed off by valves and then blinded at both ends.
RESOURCES AFFECTED: The majority of the oil sprayed on the manifold building, surrounding structures, and on the gravel pad area. Most of the snow covered tundra was lightly misted.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BPXA will continue to remove recoverable oil from the snow-covered tundra, beneath the manifold building, and pad areas. Crews will then proceed to the west picking up oiled snow across the tundra. Snow fencing is being prepared in case a wind event threatens to spread oil beyond current boundaries.

Plans to clean up structures and pipes on the pad are being finalized. Current crews will deploy protective measures to keep oil from the structures and pipes from re-contaminating cleaned areas. It is anticipated that structural clean-up will begin early next week.

The root cause investigation is anticipated to commence within two days to determine the exact cause of the release. Upon completion of the investigation the responders will clean up the area east of the manifold building.

WEATHER: Clear skies, temperature -9°F, with winds from the east at 10 MPH resulting in a wind chill of -27°F.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:
Incident Commander: Rob Henry, BPXA
F.O.S.C.: Carl Lautenberger, USEPA
S.O.S.C.: Ed Meggert, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.: Toivo Luick, ADEC

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at: http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/response/sum_fy05/050412301/050412301_index.htm

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