

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Flow Station 2 Transit Oil Line Release

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 06399921801

LEDGER CODE: 14163560

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The spill was first discovered by Alaska Clean Seas (ACS) Spill Response Team (SRT) at 8:40 AM, August 6, 2006. The spill was reported to ADEC by the State Troopers at 9:10 AM, August 6, 2006.

In response to recently gathered inspection data, BPXA began shutting down the line down at 6:30 AM August 6, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 9:10 AM August 7, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 10:00 AM August 8, 2006

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: BPXA has reported that an estimated 4 -5 barrels (168 – 210 gallons) of crude oil has been released to the tundra. As of 6:00 AM on August 7, approximately 115 barrels (4,830 gallons) have been recovered from portable “fold-a-tanks”.

LOCATION: A crude oil transit line between Flow Station 2 (FS-2) and FS-1, Eastern Operating Unit, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Leaking Transit Line. The cause is under investigation. Data collected from a smart pig operation on Friday August 4, 2006 revealed 16 anomalies in 12 locations along this line. These anomalies are associated with corrosion related pipeline wall thinning. As a result of the inspection data and associated spill, BPXA is shutting down the Prudhoe Bay oilfield. The shutdown is expected to be completed within the next 3 to 5 days.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): BP Exploration Alaska (BPXA)

RESPONSE ACTION: 24 hour operations are in effect. SRT personnel placed portable “Fold-A-Tanks” to contain crude oil leaking from the line and placed shore-seal boom around the spill site to contain the oil to the immediate area and prevent migration to the adjacent water body.

The current leak rate is 4 gallons per minute. All fluids are being stored in a slop oil tank at FS-2. This is the same tank that was used for the GC-2 oil transit line release. No fluids will be disposed of without agency approval. All fluids removed from the tundra area will be stored and kept separate from crude oil removed directly from the line. BPXA will store this material separately until coordination and approval from the agencies for the ultimate disposal or recycle method.

Approximately 2 barrels (84 gallons) have been removed from the tundra via a rope-mop system. BPXA plans to remove standing crude oil/water from the area using vacuum trucks, while adding additional fresh water to prevent oil from contaminating additional vegetation. This operation will not be a “flushing” operation, simply adding water in an attempt to keep the water level to a point that previously un-effected tundra does not become contaminated. In conjunction with the vacuum trucks, ACS will utilize electric drum mounted “Rope Mops” to remove standing crude oil off of the water surface. ACS and SRT spill responders will place a plywood walkway in areas they will be operating to prevent any damage to tundra from foot traffic.

Once the standing crude oil/water has been removed, BPXA will coordinate additional tundra clean up as necessary with ADEC. An initial cleanup plan has been submitted to the Department and has been approved.

DEC has one responder en route to the North Slope. Expected arrival in Prudhoe is approximately 10:30 AM today. EPA is also sending a representative.

SOURCE CONTROL: The line has zero pressure. The leak slowed to 4 gallons per minute. The line is being evacuated at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Tundra inundated with standing fresh water. No impacts to wildlife have been reported at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BPXA will develop, and submit for ADEC approval, a disposal plan and sampling plan. Additional response actions include: determining final volume released, and sampling the spill site to confirm cleanup.

WEATHER: Overcast, 48 degrees F with calm winds.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	Greg Alexander (BPXA)
F.O.S.C:	Matt Carr (EPA)
S.O.S.C:	Ed Meggert (ADEC)

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at the following Unified Command website:
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/fs2>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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