Press Update

Unified Command LPC-LO3 Pipeline Spill
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Update: Unified command calculates gross volume of spill for cleanup purposes

(Anchorage, Alaska) Cleanup activities continue under Phase 2 of the Unified Command’s cleanup response plan. Based on mapping and survey techniques, the Unified Command estimates the spill area consists of about 46,000 gallons of produced water and crude oil from the Lisburne L03 pipeline.

Having a rough gross estimate will help responders plan for the level of staffing, equipment and other resources needed to conduct the cleanup, which has been underway since Monday, Nov. 30. The actual spill volume will be determined only after cleanup is completed and the produced water and oil has been collected and measured.

A number of variables make estimating the spill size difficult, including the ability of the responders to get good measurement in the extreme Arctic conditions. The pipeline transports a mixture of produced water, oil, and natural gas. It was not in operation at the time of the incident.

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