

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Pump Station 1 Booster Pump Piping Incident **SITREP #:** 9

SPILL NUMBER: 11399900801

LEDGER CODE: 14307760

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC) employees discovered a spill of crude oil inside the booster pump building at Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) Pump Station 1 at 8:16 AM on January 8, 2011. APSC reported the spill to ADEC at 8:39 AM on January 8, 2011. APSC cut the flow of oil to the TAPS line at approximately 8:50 AM, January 8, 2011.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM, January 16, 2011

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 4:00 PM, January 17, 2011

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Crude oil appears to have been released from part of the booster pumps' discharge piping located either in the wall of the booster pump building or in a concrete-encapsulated underground section outside the building. Oil seeped into the building where a pipe passed through the basement wall. No oil has been observed outside the booster pump building.

The volume of oil released into the building and recovered prior to the January 11 restart is estimated at 1,776 gallons (42.3 barrels). The volume of oil recovered from the building since the January 11 restart is approximately 11,550 gallons (275 barrels).

LOCATION: TAPS Pump Station 1, Prudhoe Bay. Pump Station 1 is the point at which all oil from the North Slope oil fields enters the TAPS line.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the release and the precise location of its source.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY (RP): Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC)

RESPONSE ACTION: At 12:07 AM on January 15, the TAPS line was shut down for the installation of the bypass line around the leaking booster pump discharge pipe at Pump Station 1. The shutdown was expected to last approximately 36 hours, but sealing and draining of the piping took longer than expected. The estimated restart time of the TAPS line is early tomorrow morning.

There has been no additional leakage of oil into the temporary containment tank in the booster pump building basement. Field monitors have not observed oil in any of the three monitoring holes, three groundwater drainfield sumps, or during periodic visual checks of the pad surface and perimeter.

At 9:00 PM on Saturday, January 15, the North Slope producers reduced their production rate down to about 16% of their normal production. At noon today, the average level of oil in the storage tanks was at 25.5 feet, with the maximum operating capacity level of approximately 42 feet for each tank.

There was no overflight last night of the pipeline using the forward looking infrared (FLIR) imaging equipment due to scheduled maintenance on the aircraft. The FLIR flights will resume tonight.

In the last 24 hours one minor first aid injury was reported at Pump Station 1; the worker received first aid treatment from onsite medics and resumed work. The safety of responders, the public and the environment remains the top priority of the Unified Command.

SOURCE CONTROL: The TAPS line was shut down shortly after the spill was discovered. A containment tank was constructed and placed in the booster pump building basement to capture leaking oil. Workers placed additional spill containment equipment to isolate and drain the compromised discharge piping after the TAPS line was shut down for the bypass tie-in. Containment and recovery equipment in place exceeds the capacity necessary to manage any additional leakage during the bypass tie-in.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Pump Station 1 is surrounded by tundra, marshland and ponds, but due to the location of the booster pump building on the interior of the station's gravel pad, there appears to be no immediate threat to sensitive habitat or wildlife. No oil has been observed outside the booster pump building.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC personnel will remain at Pump Station 1 to observe oil recovery, pollution monitoring, shutdown, bypass installation, and restart. Additional ADEC staff will be on duty at the Fairbanks command post through the shutdown and subsequent restart. Pollution monitoring at Pump Station 1 is ongoing.

WEATHER: Forecasts for several locations on the TAPS line for today through tomorrow (temperatures in ° F):

Prudhoe Bay – Mostly cloudy with scattered flurries and patchy fog, chance of snow tonight and tomorrow; high today 5 to 15 below, low tonight 10 to 20 below, high tomorrow 10 below; east winds 10 mph becoming west winds 15 mph tonight, northwest winds 15 mph tomorrow increasing to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Fairbanks – Clear today and tonight, turning to partly cloudy tomorrow; high today 15 below except 5 below in the hills, low tonight 35 below except 15 below in the hills, high tomorrow 25 below; east winds 5 mph gusting to 20 mph over hills, light winds tonight and tomorrow.

Glennallen – Clear through tomorrow turning partly cloudy with a chance of snow showers south and east of Glennallen tomorrow afternoon; high today 15 to 30 below, low tonight 35 to 50 below except 20 to 30 below through the passes, high tomorrow 15 to 30 below; light winds today, tonight, and tomorrow.

Valdez - Clear through tomorrow turning partly cloudy with a chance of snow showers tomorrow afternoon; high today 5 below to 5 above except 15 below through the pass, low tonight 10 to 15 below, high tomorrow 5 to 10 above except 5 below through the pass; north to east winds 10 to 20 mph gusting to 40 mph in the morning except northeast wind 30 to 45 mph with wind chills 35 to 50 below through Thompson Pass, tonight northeast winds 15 to 30 mph with wind chills 25 to 35 below, tomorrow variable wind 10 mph.

Prudhoe Bay is located north of the Arctic Circle. The next sunrise will occur at 12:42 PM on January 19, 2011; sunset will occur 44 minutes later.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: John Baldrige, APSC

F.O.S.C.: Matt Carr, EPA

S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, ADEC

Field S.O.S.C.: John Ebel, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Unified Command Joint Information Center 907-450-5857

Photographs and other incident information are available for viewing at:

www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ps1

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Workers installing the bypass pipeline inside the metering building. This new line will bypass existing pipe, where a leak was discovered on January 8, and reroute the crude oil flow to a new access point into the booster pump building. (1/15/11)