Hilcorp Alaska Baker Platform Fire

SITREP #: 2 and Final

SPILL #: 14239927501

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. October 3, 2014

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Hilcorp Alaska, LLC

INCIDENT LOCATION: Baker Platform, located offshore in Cook Inlet approximately 18 miles northwest of the City of Kenai and approximately 45 miles southwest of Anchorage (Latitude: 60.82917; Longitude -151.33361)

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: No spill has been reported at this time.

HOW/WHEN INCIDENT WAS DISCOVERED: The fire was discovered by the crew on board the platform.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: No spill has been reported. According to Hilcorp there is a maximum capacity of approximately 10,000 gallons of petroleum products on the platform. The Unified Command conducted an overflight of the area today at 10:00 a.m. and reported no evidence of petroleum product discharge into the Cook Inlet.

CAUSE OF INCIDENT: A fire started in the above deck structures of the Baker Platform. Cause of fire is under investigation.

SOURCE CONTROL: The natural gas well has been secured. The pipeline infrastructure is secured.

RESPONSE ACTION: Two vessels remain on scene to provide security and firefighting capabilities in case of any flare ups. The vessels on scene responded to several small flare ups throughout the evening. The Unified Command conducted an overflight today at 10:00 a.m. and reported no signs of active fire or petroleum product on water.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: No reports of impacts to wildlife or the waters of Cook Inlet. The shorelines of northeastern Cook Inlet are primarily composed of sand and gravel beaches with tidal flats present near river mouths and along the northern shore of the Kenai Peninsula. Cook Inlet Beluga whales, harbor seals, and waterfowl may be present in the area. Cook Inlet Beluga whales are an Endangered Species Act-listed (ESA-listed) species. Multiple anadromous streams are present along the eastern shore of Cook Inlet that may contain juvenile and adult salmon. Trading Bay State Game Refuge and Redoubt Bay Critical Habitat Area are present along the western shores of Cook Inlet.
FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The site assessment team will be boarding the rig today to ensure the fire is completely contained and extinguished. The team will also be inspecting rig’s critical components and systems. The U.S. Coast Guard will standby during the inspection to provide safety support. Firefighters will remain on scene and continue to apply cooling water to the structure as needed. The ADEC and the U.S. Coast Guard will continue to monitor response actions.

WEATHER: Today: cloudy with highs around 40°F; slight chance of rain in snow; north winds 15 mph; seas to 3 feet. Tonight: mostly cloudy with lows in the 30°F; north wind 15 mph. Tomorrow: cloudy with scattered rain showers mixed with snow; highs in the mid 40°F, variable wind to 10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:
Incident Commander: Diane Dunham, Hilcorp Alaska
SOSC: Steven Russell, ADEC
FOSC: William Albright, U.S. Coast Guard

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: This is the final report.

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Firefighters applying cooling water on the rig to control flare ups, October 2, 2014. (Photo/Nikiski Fire Department)
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