

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Trans Alaska Pipeline, RGV 32

SITREP #: 4

SPILL NUMBER: 07399900901

LEDGER CODE: 14164560

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC) discovered the spill at 8:20 AM and reported the spill to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) at the Joint Pipeline Office at approximately 9:10 AM, January 9, 2007.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 10:00 AM, January 10, 2007

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 10:00 AM, January 11, 2007

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: APSC reported approximately 400-500 gallons of crude oil spilled from the Trans Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) at Remote Gate Valve (RGV) 32.

LOCATION: TAPS, RGV 32. The location is about 35 miles south of Pump Station 4 at TAPS mile 178.7, south of Atigun Pass.

CAUSE OF SPILL: A loose valve on a 2" threaded o-ring (TOR).

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC)

RESPONSE ACTION: APSC cancelled the request for the vacuum truck yesterday due to its inability to recover oil with a gel-like consistency. This was replaced in the early afternoon by a request for a super-sucker from Deadhorse.. A super-sucker is better equipped to remove viscous oil and it arrived at Pump Station (PS) 4 this morning at 6:00 AM. It is required to perform a flash test of the oil prior to using the sucker-sucker for recovery. The oil's flash point is +5°F and the ambient air temperature at the spill site is -25°F. There must be a 40° spread between the flash point of the material and the ambient air temperature to operate the super-sucker. At this time the super-sucker will not be used.

Three task forces have been developed to respond to this incident. The RGV 32 is fenced, so the first task force's responsibilities are to recover and cleanup the oil outside the fenced area. This task force is comprised of responders from PS4 and four (4) responders from the Rampart Village Response Team (VRT). Including security, a total of 12 responders are on the first task force. This task force will use primarily hand tools and will have use of a 966 loader. The second task force's responsibilities are to recover and cleanup the oil inside the fenced area. This task force is comprised of responders from PS4, one responder from PS6, and six (6) responders from Steven's Village VRT. This task force will use primarily hand tools for cleanup. The third task force is the repair team whose responsibility is to install the plug in the TOR. This team will be flying into Coldfoot this afternoon. All three task forces are to be working concurrently to achieve their prescribed goals. The response crews were to be on site this morning at 8:00 AM. A 32 yard bin, for temporary storage of contaminated media, has been mobilized from PS 4 and should arrive on site at 10:00 AM. At this time, no cleanup has commenced.

A draft waste management plan has been submitted to the ADEC for review.

The TAPS remains at full operation..

Two ADEC staff who were responding to a spill on the North Slope have diverted to RGV-32. Both responders are currently on-site observing the mobilization and cleanup efforts. APSC has formed an Incident Management Team at the Fairbanks Emergency Operations Center (FEOC). One ADEC staff is at the FEOC.

SOURCE CONTROL: The source was not controlled until 12:50 PM on January 9, 2007, when the valve on the TOR was tightened.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Gravel pad at RGV-32.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Participate in the Unified Command at the FEOC, inspect field response activities, monitor repairs, review plans and provide approvals.

WEATHER: Clear skies, temperature -25°F, calm winds

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: John Baldrige, Alyeska
F.O.S.C.: Carl Lautenberger, EPA
S.O.S.C.: Ed Meggert, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.: Tom DeRuyter and Wes Ghormley, ADEC

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Photographs and other spill information will be available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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