

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Marathon Beaver Creek Fire

SITREP #: 5 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 04239933501

LEDGER CODE: 14138860

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 6:00 PM, November 30, 2004. The incident was reported to DEC at 6:40 PM, November 30, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM, March 4, 2005

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report for this spill.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Produced fluids (produced water and hydrocarbon condensate). Two 300-barrel (12,600 gallon) storage tanks were destroyed in a fire. Marathon officials estimate approximately 381 barrels (16,002 gallons) of produced fluids were released onto the pad.

LOCATION: Beaver Creek Unit, Pad 1-A, Kenai, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The two storage tanks failed due to fire. According to Marathon officials, the cause and source of the fire was a portable propane heater that was used to thaw above-ground piping connected to one of the produced fluid storage tanks.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Marathon Oil Company (Marathon), Kenai AK.

RESPONSE ACTION: Marathon submitted their Final Spill Report to the Department on February 24, 2005.

Approximately 725 barrels (30,450 gallons) of free liquids (produced fluids and water used to extinguish the fire) were removed from the pad and storm drainage basin with vacuum trucks. The disposal of the fluids was by deep-well injection in an approved class II disposal well located at the Kenai Gas Field on December 1 and 4, 2004.

An estimated 1616 cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated from the pad and placed into lined containment cells for interim storage until summer of 2005 when the method of disposal is established. In addition, approximately 80 cubic yards of contaminated soil and tank sediments were removed from the area directly around the produced fluid tanks. This contaminated material was taken directly to the Kenai Gas Field on December 4, 2004 for deep-well injection. Excavation of the contaminated soil was completed on December 21, 2004. Field screening and analytical sampling was completed by Rozak Engineering and American Environmental to confirm removal of the impacted soil to meet State site cleanup standards.

SOURCE CONTROL: The two 300-barrel (12,600 gallon) tanks were destroyed in the fire. The release of natural gas has been controlled and wellhead replacement has been completed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: According to Marathon's final report, the release of produced fluids was confined within the pad 1A berms. There have been no reports of injured wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC's Environmental Crimes Unit continues their investigation. Marathon will prepare contaminated soil disposal plans for ADEC review.

WEATHER: Partly sunny, patchy morning fog, highs in the 30s and Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Tim Brown (Marathon Oil Company)
S.O.S.C: Gary Folley (ADEC)
Field S.O.S.C: Randy Dowd (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Folley, 262-5210 x 234, cell phone number 398-4368.

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