

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Drill Site 11 Methanol Release

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 05399904801

LEDGER CODE: 14101460

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The release was discovered on February 17, 2005 at 5:27 PM by BP Exploration-Alaska, Inc. (BPXA) personnel.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: February 18, 2005 at 2:00 PM.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: BPXA reports that the spilled material was methanol, but no volume estimate is available at this time.

LOCATION: The release occurred at Drill Site 11, which is in the greater Prudhoe Bay oil production area. Prudhoe Bay is on the Beaufort Sea, and approximately 400 miles north of Fairbanks.

CAUSE OF SPILL: On February 13, 2005 BPXA reported a seawater release from a pipeline at Drill Site 11. The pipeline was depressurized and ceased leaking. Approximately 10,500 gallons of methanol was pumped into the seawater line to protect it from freezing. On February 17, 2005 BPXA personnel discovered methanol being released from the pipeline at the same locations where the seawater was previously coming out.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): BPXA

RESPONSE ACTION: A DEC responder is traveling to Prudhoe Bay to oversee cleanup and disposal activities, as well as to participate in the root cause investigation. BPXA states that additional spill responders have been called up from town and are flying to Prudhoe Bay on Saturday, February 19, 2005.

SOURCE CONTROL: The release has reduced to a drip at this time. The dripping is occurring at two locations about fifty feet apart along the pipeline near the manifold building. A folding tank was used to catch the methanol drips from one of the locations. BPXA reports that the other location is inaccessible at this time. Blinds were installed in the seawater line to isolate that section of pipe.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The methanol has leaked onto the snow and frozen surface of an impoundment that is connected by a culvert with tundra ponds. No methanol is reported to have migrated through the culvert at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: BPXA plans to evacuate the line and remove the clean snow overburden, assessing the extent and volume of the spill, and developing a clean up plan.

WEATHER: The National Weather Service reports that it is currently -2° F and snowing lightly, with west winds at 13 miles per hour.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Roger Reddin, Operations Manager, BPXA
F.O.S.C. : Carl Lautenberger, USEPA
S.O.S.C. : Ed Meggert, DEC
Field S.O.S.C.: Amanda Leffel, DEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Toivo Luick, DEC, at (907) 451-2102

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