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## **NEWS RELEASE #2**

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### **Unified Command Established to Respond to Spill at Kuparuk Pipeline**

A Unified Command has been established to respond to a spill on the Kuparuk Pipeline above the Kuparuk River that occurred at about 5 am today, Aug. 28, on the North Slope. The team includes ConocoPhillips, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and the North Slope Borough. All available resources and expertise are being brought to the response to protect people, wildlife and the environment. A Joint Information Center has been established.

The pipeline was shut down immediately upon detection of a leak. Experienced crews are implementing our emergency response plan, which is focused on ensuring the safety of the workers, emergency responders and members of the public, and protection of the environment. The volume of the release has not been determined at this point.

ConocoPhillips understands that protecting the environment is important to all Alaskans and we share that value. We regret this spill has occurred and are doing everything possible to respond to the incident.

For media inquiries contact the Joint Information Center for this incident at (907) 263-4564.

Updates will be provided as information is available and will also be posted on the ADEC's active spill response website.

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