

## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

**Division of Spill Prevention and Response** 

Prevention Preparedness and Response Program

## SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)

Point Thomson Export Pipeline

## 2024 Point Thomson Export Pipeline Leak

SITREP #: 1

SPILL #: 24399901301

**DATE/TIME OF DISTRIBUTION:** January 15, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. Information current as of January 15, 2024, at 4:00 PM

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Harvest Alaska, LLC

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** The release was located on the North Slope, approximately 35 miles east of Prudhoe Bay and approximately 1 mile southeast of the Badami Pad. Lat/ long: 70.1347 N, 147.0694 W

**DATE/TIME OF SPILL:** On January 13, 2024, at 10:19 PM Alaska Standard Time (AKST), Harvest Alaska, LLC (Harvest Alaska) received a leak detection alarm, indicating a release from the pipeline.

**HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED AND REPORTED:** After receiving the leak detection alarm and isolating the line, air and ground resources were deployed. Visual confirmation of the leak was observed via aircraft on January 14, 2024, at 11:54 A.M. The ground survey crew provided additional visual confirmation shortly thereafter.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The release is an unknown volume of liquid natural gas condensate (condensate). While the volume is still currently being determined, the maximum potential released from the pipeline was calculated by Harvest Alaska to be 11,550 gallons (275 barrels).

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The cause is currently under investigation.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** The pipeline was immediately shut in and depressurized following the leak alarm notification, which has stopped any remaining condensate from leaving the pipeline. Further operations to address the leak are underway.

**RESPONSE ACTIONS:** Harvest Alaska has stood up an Incident Management Team with a Unified Command (UC) that includes the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). Delineation of the spill area has been completed. Mobilization of response resources to the site is underway with recovery operations to begin shortly. Mutual aid is being provided by other North Slope operators.

**RESOURCES AT RISK OR AFFECTED:** There are currently no reports of wildlife in the area. The majority of the impacted tundra is approximately 20-feet wide by 225-feet long, with approximately 4- to 8-inches of snow cover.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Incident Management Team continues to assess the situation and develop response actions to address the spill, minimize damage to the environment and the potential of any additional integrity issues to the pipeline.

**WEATHER:** January 15, 2024: High 8° F, partly sunny, with an East-Southeast wind at 5 to 10-MPH (Miles per hour), increasing to 15 to 25-MPH for. Overnight, light snow and winds out of the South at 15 to 25-MPH is expected.

Tomorrow, January 16<sup>th</sup>, winds increasing to 25 to 35-MPH, with morning highs of 25° F.

## **UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Chris Ori, Harvest Alaska

SOSC: Kimberley Maher, ADEC FOSC: LT Travis Dopp, USCG

LOSC: TBD, Harvest Alaska has reached out to the North Slope Borough

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

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT**: Kimberley Maher, Northern Region State On-Scene Coordinator, (907)-451-2124, <a href="mailto:kimberley.maher@alaska.gov">kimberley.maher@alaska.gov</a>

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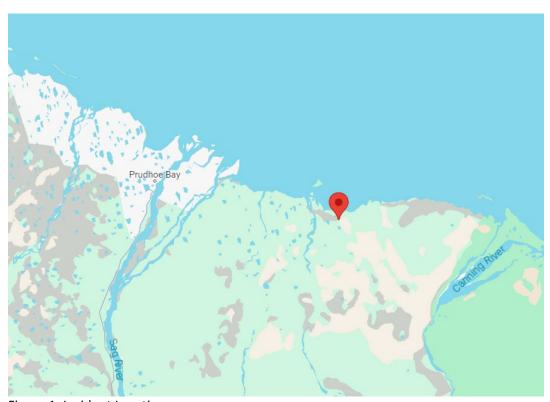


Figure 1. Incident Location



Figure 2. Incident Location (provided by Harvest Alaska)

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