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– 1417 –

Pipeline shut down after contained spill at Pump Station 9

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – During a scheduled testing of the fire command system at Pump Station 9 today, the station experienced a power failure at approximately 10:20 a.m., resulting in the tank relief valves opening as they are designed to do. Subsequently, Tank 190 overflowed and crude oil was released to secondary containment. This occurred as Alyeska was conducting fire command and valve leak testing at the pump station, located near Delta Junction, during a planned pipeline shutdown.

There were no injuries and personnel have been evacuated. The pipeline is currently shut down and the North Slope Producers have been prorated to 25 percent. An Incident Management Team has been activated to manage the situation. Alyeska estimates that the potential spill volume to containment is up to 10,000 barrels. The containment area has a capacity of 104,500 barrels. Additional spill response crews and equipment are en route. More information will be provided when available.

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Incident Name: Pump Station 9 Tank 190 Incident

Source: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC)

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**FACT SHEET NUMBER: 001
Pump Station 9 Tank 190 Incident
5/25/10 7:51 PM**

Fact Sheet 1:

Current Status:

- Incident Location: PS09 Tank Farm, specifically Tank 190
- Crude oil from Tank 190 overflowed into secondary containment during scheduled testing of fire command system
- 10:20 AM: Power failure occurred at PS09
- 11:00 AM: Alyeska personnel reported Tank 190 was overfilling
- 11:06 AM: The Alyeska Operation Control Center (OCC) closed upstream Remote Gate Valves (RGV's)
- 11:15 AM: Local personnel closed relief upstream block valves, stopped flow into Tank 190
- 11:35 AM: PS09 electrically isolated from Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA)
- 11:50 AM: Alyeska personnel closed PS09 Battery Limit 1 (BL-1), preventing upstream oil from entering or leaving PS09
- 12:16 PM: Alyeska personnel closed PS09 Battery Limit 1 (BL-2), preventing downstream oil from entering or leaving PS09
- Power outage during testing caused tank relief valves to open as designed
- Incident Command System (ICS) activated – Fairbanks Emergency Operations Center staffed
- No injuries occurred
- No environmental impact, spill confined to containment area in PS09 Tank Farm
- Area has been secured
- Pipeline is temporarily shutdown
- Spill volume estimated to be several thousand barrels
- Response crews and equipment on scene and en route
- Clean-up planning and mobilization underway

Response Objectives:

- Safety of personnel and public
- Prevent oil from leaving secondary containment area
- Recover oil
- Clean-up and restore containment area

Weather Conditions:

- Scattered showers, isolated thunderstorms
- Temperature: 61 F.
- Variable winds, 4 MPH



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**FACT SHEET NUMBER: 002
Pump Station 9 Tank 190 Incident
5/26/10 8:00 AM**

Fact Sheet 2:

Current Status:

- No personnel have been injured; oil is contained in PS09 containment area
- Priority is to ensure ongoing safety of personnel, processes, and facilities by performing risk assessments prior to any work occurring
- A "safety exclusion zone" has been established around the tank farm; no personnel are allowed inside the exclusion zone at this time
- Risk assessments are being done to determine the safest way to proceed with clean up
- Ongoing risk assessments will determine safety of:
 - Restoration of power to PS09 facilities, buildings and modules
 - Removal of oil from containment area
 - Drawing oil down in Tank 190
- Once risk assessments are completed, task forces will be mobilized for clean-up in compliance with Site Specific Safety Plan
- Engineering evaluation and continuous assessment of tank conditions will be performed throughout the day as thermal conditions change
- Continuous monitoring of lower explosive limits (LEL's) shows no gas vapors present outside the tank farm
- Incident Command System (ICS) active – Fairbanks Emergency Operations Center staffed
- Mobile Command Post (MCP) established on site
- The Pipeline is temporarily shut down
- Response crews and equipment on scene
- Clean-up task forces are in place and preparing for deployment pending completion of risk assessments
- State and Federal representatives on scene

Response Objectives:

- Safety of personnel and public
- Prevent oil from leaving secondary containment area
- Assure clear, prompt communication with all stakeholders, regulators, and affected public
- Initiate source control activities
- Initiate recovery and clean-up
- Prepare for restart of PS09 and the pipeline

Weather Conditions:

- Scattered clouds
- Temperature: 51 F.
- Winds: calm

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Alyeska proceeds with 6-step response at Pump Station 9

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Alyeska Pipeline is responding to yesterday's incident at Pump Station 9 near Delta Junction, where several thousand barrels of oil spilled to containment. The cleanup and response plan defines six gates that the company will clear before resuming normal operations of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. Safety remains Alyeska's priority and each gate includes a thorough risk assessment process.

Alyeska cleared the first gate Tuesday evening. The company is now working the remaining five items. The six gates are:

1. Restoring power to the 65 KW generator at Pump Station 9 which provides power to communication systems at the station. (Completed)
2. Assessing removal of oil in Tank 190 containment area.
3. Restoring primary power to Pump Station 9 from Golden Valley Electric Association substation.
4. Beginning discharge pump operations to draw down the oil level in Tank 190.
5. Restoring operations of mainline pumps while staffing the station round-the-clock as throughput levels return to normal.
6. Assuming full operations on the Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

The incident occurred Tuesday morning during a planned six-hour pipeline shutdown. Work along the pipeline during this shutdown included testing Pump Station 9's fire command system. During this work, a power failure at the station caused valves that are normally closed on the tank to open, as they are designed to do if power is interrupted. Tank 190 subsequently overflowed into a containment area that surrounds the tank and has an impermeable liner.

"Alyeska is doing everything we can to safely and effectively respond to this incident," said John Baldrige, Pipeline Director and Incident Commander. "Our team has proven response capabilities and once we have addressed all safety concerns, we will begin cleanup and resume normal operations."

Alyeska has people and equipment working at the scene now, and others will be mobilized as needed.

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Incident Name: Pump Station 9 Tank 190 Incident

Source: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC)

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**FACT SHEET NUMBER: 003
Pump Station 9 Tank 190 Incident
5/26/10 at 6:00 p.m.**

Fact Sheet 3:

Current Status:

- No personnel have been injured; oil is contained in Pump Station 9 containment area
- Priority is to ensure ongoing safety of personnel, processes, and facilities by performing risk assessments prior to any work occurring
- A 6-step response for resuming normal operations has been established
- Step 1, restoring power to the 65 KW generator at Pump Station 9, has been completed
- Step 2, a plan for removing pooled oil from containment outside Tank 190, is being finalized
- Risk assessment studies for drawing down oil from Tank 190 and for restoring power to pump station 9 (steps 3 and 4) are nearing completion; work will commence only after final safety plans have been approved
- Response crews are on the scene; major resources deployed to the site include: 67 personnel, 12 tanker trucks, 5 vac trucks, 1 spreader truck, 2 oil spill contingency plan connexes, a 25-ton crane, and other supplies such as 20 cases of respirators and 8 cases of insect repellent
- Close to 100 personnel are responding to the incident (30 Incident Management Team (IMT) members plus 67 responders)
- There is no immediate impact to tanker schedule at the Valdez Marine Terminal
- The pipeline continues to be temporarily shut down
- Engineering evaluation and continuous assessment of tank conditions will be performed as thermal conditions change
- Continuous monitoring shows no gas vapors present outside the tank farm
- Incident Command System (ICS) active at the Fairbanks Emergency Operations Center
- Mobile Command Post (MCP) has been established on site
- State and Federal representatives are also on scene

Response Objectives:

- Safety of personnel and public
- Prevent oil from leaving secondary containment area
- Assure clear, prompt communication with all stakeholders, regulators, and affected public
- Initiate recovery and clean-up
- Prepare for restart of Pump Station 9 and the pipeline

Weather Conditions:

- Scattered clouds
- Temperature: 71 F.
- Winds: Variable, 4 MPH

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Overnight progress brings Alyeska closer to pipeline restart

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Alyeska made significant progress with its spill response operations at Pump Station 9 overnight with crews drawing down oil levels in Tank 190. Full power is restored to the station and plans today include recovery of the spill and decontamination of the containment area, moving toward normal pipeline operations. Alyeska’s response thus far has followed a controlled, systematic approach to ensure personnel safety.

“There was outstanding work accomplished overnight,” said John Baldrige, Pipeline Director and Incident Commander. “At 3 a.m. when power was restored to the station, the facility and the crews were re-energized.” Baldrige encouraged employees to continue the momentum as work continued today, “being sure to always think about keeping yourselves and your co-workers safe.”

Two of the six steps outlined in the oil spill response strategy have been accomplished: Restoring power to the 65 KW generator and restoring pump station power. Two other steps are underway: Drawing down oil from Tank 190 and removing oil in the tank containment area. As those operations continue, the focus will now be on planning for steps 5 and 6: starting the pipeline and resuming full operations on the Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

The incident occurred Tuesday morning during a planned six-hour pipeline shutdown. Work along the pipeline during this shutdown included testing Pump Station 9’s fire command system. During this work, a power failure at the station caused valves that are normally closed on the tank to open, as they are designed to do if power is interrupted. Tank 190 subsequently overflowed into a containment area that surrounds the tank and has an impermeable liner. There were no injuries or impact to the environment due to the incident.

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FACT SHEET NUMBER: 004
Pump Station 9 Tank 190 Incident
5/27/10 at 8:00 AM

Fact Sheet 4:

Current Status:

- No personnel have been injured; oil is confined to Pump Station 9 containment area and recovery process is underway
- Priority is to ensure ongoing safety of personnel and facilities
- Thorough risk assessments have been performed prior to any work occurring
- Electrical power has been restored to the pump station
- Oil in storage Tank 190 is being drained down at the rate of approximately 2 inches per hour
- Preparation for removal of pooled oil from containment outside Tank 190 has commenced; this consists of draining down the pooled oil from the Tank Farm through a dewatering drain valve and into vac trucks. The oil will then be transferred from the vac trucks into storage tanker trucks. At no time will personnel or equipment or equipment be inside the Tank Farm.
- A hazardous waste management plan has been approved
- Access to Pump Station 9 is tightly controlled by security to assure the safety of response personnel
- The Mobile Command Post is operating at the nearby staging area
- Planning for pipeline restart is underway
- There is no immediate impact to tanker schedule at the Valdez Marine Terminal
- The pipeline continues to be shut down temporarily
- Continuous monitoring shows no hazardous gas vapors present outside the tank farm

Response Objectives:

- Ensure safety of personnel and public
- Ensure clear, prompt communication with all stakeholders, regulators, and affected public
- Initiate recovery and clean-up when deemed safe to do so
- Prepare for restart of Pump Station 9 and the pipeline

Weather Conditions:

- Scattered clouds
- Temperature: 59 F.
- Winds: Variable, 10 MPH

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Alyeska restarts Trans Alaska Pipeline System

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Alyeska Pipeline Service Company safely restarted the Trans Alaska Pipeline System at 4:40 p.m. today. There were no injuries and no impact to the environment due to the incident or subsequent oil recovery and restart operations. The pipeline was shut down for a total of 79 hours and 40 minutes.

Alyeska initially shut down the pipeline Tuesday morning for a planned six-hour window to perform various work, including testing Pump Station 9's fire command system. A power failure at the station caused valves that are normally closed on the tank to open, as they are designed to do in power interruptions. Tank 190 subsequently overflowed oil into a containment area surrounding the tank.

With startup now achieved, a crew will staff the pump station 24 hours a day until normal operations resume. About 200 people remain involved in managing the incident. That includes 125 people on site, and a team based in Fairbanks.

Alyeska has recovered 1,000 barrels of pooled oil in the containment area. This basin is lined with an impermeable liner topped with a layer of gravel. The initial recovery effort was largely mechanical, with trucks suctioning crude oil into container trucks through a drain pipe outside the containment area. Soil and gravel on top of the liner will be cleaned up according to an approved process for handling contaminated material. Alyeska estimates approximately 5,000 barrels was released to containment.

A comprehensive risk assessment will be performed before the tank is returned to normal service.

Throughout the response effort, employees followed a controlled, systematic approach to ensure personnel and facility safety. Risk assessments were conducted for every major step to determine the best course of action.

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FACT SHEET NUMBER: 005
Pump Station 9 Tank 190 Incident
5/28/10 at 6:30 p.m.

(New information underlined beginning with Fact Sheet 5)

Fact Sheet 5:

Current Status:

- The pipeline was safely restarted at 4:40 p.m.
- No personnel have been injured
- Priority is to ensure ongoing safety of personnel and facilities
- Operation of mainline pumps has resumed at Pump Station 9
- Alyeska has recovered 1,000 barrels of pooled oil in the containment area
- Tank 190 was drained down approximately 3 feet, with several thousand gallons removed overnight
- Pump Station 9 will remain staffed 24 hours a day until normal operations resume
- A contaminated soil and gravel removal plan is being finalized to facilitate ongoing clean-up efforts; trained oil spill response crews from Rampart and Steven's Village are being mobilized to assist
- There has been no impact to wildlife or the environment
- Access to Pump Station 9 continues to be tightly controlled by security to ensure the safety of response personnel
- The Mobile Command Post is operating nearby
- There has been no impact to the tanker schedule at the Valdez Marine Terminal
- Continuous monitoring shows no hazardous gas vapors present outside the tank farm

Response Objectives:

- Ensure safety of personnel and public
- Ensure clear, prompt communication with all stakeholders, regulators, and affected public
- Continue recovery and clean-up

Weather Conditions:

- Overcast
- Temperature: 75 F.
- Winds: South at 15 MPH

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