

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 #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04239933501

LEDGER CODE: Requested

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

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 9:00 AM, December 1, 2004

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 4:00 PM, December 1, 2004

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Produced fluids (produced water and natural gas condensate). Two 300-barrel (12,600 gallon) storage tanks were destroyed in a fire. The amount of produced fluids in the tanks at the time is unknown. According to Marathon officials, the tanks are generally maintained at a high level. There is also an ongoing release of natural gas.

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

CAUSE OF SPILL: Fire. The cause and source of the fire is under investigation.

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

RESPONSE ACTION: The Kenai Fire Department responded and the fire was extinguished at 8:00 PM. There were no injuries, but there was extensive equipment damage. A natural gas well-house on the pad was destroyed and there is an ongoing release of natural gas. The facility is remotely located in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge with no population centers nearby. The pad has been isolated and Marathon is taking action to monitor the atmosphere and stop the release utilizing all safety precautions.

Pad 1-A is surrounded with an earthen dike. According to an initial investigation, Marathon believes that the spill was mostly contained on the pad.

SOURCE CONTROL: The fire caused an uncontrolled release of the contents of the two 300-barrel tanks. Efforts to control the release of natural gas are ongoing.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The extent of impact beyond the pad is unknown at this time. A detailed site assessment will be conducted as soon as the natural gas release is stopped and safety allows. The pad is surrounded by a wooded area. A wetlands area is located 150 yards from the pad. There have been no reports of injured wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Marathon is working to stop the release of natural gas. A detailed site assessment and cleanup will follow. Two ADEC responders are enroute.

WEATHER: Rain and very slick driving conditions, temperatures in the upper 30s and winds northeast at 10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	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, x234, cell phone number 398-4368.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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