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Oil recovery underway at Pump Station 1 spill

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The pipeline remains shut down Saturday evening as crews begin recovering oil that leaked into a booster pump room basement at Pump Station 1.

There are no injuries or apparent impacts to the environment as a result of this incident.

Oil was discovered in the booster pump basement Saturday morning and as a result the Operations Control Center in Anchorage shut the pipeline down just before 8:50 a.m. The booster pumps have been isolated and at approximately 4 p.m., crews began recovering oil from the site.

North Slope producers are prorated to 5 percent production and are expected to reach that level by 9 a.m. Sunday, January 9.

Alyeska employees and State and Federal officials are responding jointly to the incident. Engineers are assessing the situation and developing a plan to safely restart the pipeline.

See the attached fact sheet for additional information. More information will be released as it becomes available.

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