

Pipeline remains shut down, oil recovery ongoing at Pump Station 1

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The pipeline remains shut down today as responders from Alyeska, contractors, and state and federal agencies work toward safely and responsibly returning the pipeline to service.

"We have a significant amount of resources, tools and personnel on site at Pump Station 1 responding to this event," said Tom Barrett, Alyeska President. "Our goal is to engineer and implement a solution so that we can safely return the pipeline to service as quickly as possible."

North Slope producers remain prorated to 5 percent.

Oil was discovered in the booster pump basement Saturday morning and as a result the Operations Control Center in Anchorage shut the pipeline down. At approximately 4 p.m. yesterday, crews started the process of recovering oil from the site. Crews working overnight recovered more than 90 percent of the oil from a booster pump room basement at Pump Station 1, amounting to an estimated 9-10 barrels.

Engineers are evaluating options, including developing a plan to bypass the affected piping in order to safely restart the pipeline.

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

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

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