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## **Alyeska investigating crude release at Valdez Marine Terminal**

ANCHORAGE, AK – Alyeska is responding to a release of crude oil onto water at the west end of the Valdez Marine Terminal near Berth 5. Crews have secured the source of the spill.

Crews at Berth 5 on the Terminal reported seeing sheen on water at around 11:30 a.m. today. Alyeska stood up an Incident Management Team.

Teams on scene have boomed the area where sheen was visible and are carrying out spill response and recovery tactics, including skimming. A Helo is performing an overflight to assess containment.

There are currently no tankers docked at the berths. The volume of the release is estimated at less than 100 gallons.

“We are mobilizing all available resources to ensure containment around the berth, as well as utilizing staged containment and response equipment near the Terminal in Port Valdez,” said Scott Hicks, Incident Commander. “As residents of the area, we recognize and share the concerns of the communities and we want to protect them.”

Alyeska is cooperating with state and federal officials. There are no reported injuries, and no reports of affected wildlife.

### **About Alyeska Pipeline**

For more than 40 years, Alyeska has operated the 800-mile Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), safely moving oil from Prudhoe Bay on the North Slope of Alaska south to the Port of Valdez, the northernmost ice-free port in the United States. The pipeline traverses three mountain ranges, permafrost regions and 34 major rivers and streams. Alyeska personnel work in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Valdez and at pump stations and response facilities all along the pipeline. They also operate the Ship Escort/Response Vessel System for Prince William Sound. Alyeska was created to construct, operate and maintain TAPS for owner companies which today are BP Pipelines (Alaska), ConocoPhillips Transportation Alaska, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company and Unocal Pipeline Company. For more information, visit <http://www.alyeska-pipe.com> or follow Alyeska on Facebook or on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/AlyeskaPipeline>.

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