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**From:** Stout, Robert [Robert.Stout@bp.com]  
**Sent:** 4/16/2017 2:14:43 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: AK Update

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2017, at 10:07 AM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Many thanks, Bob. I'm having brunch w Ryan today and can share. His email is [Jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:Jackson.ryan@epa.gov)

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2017, at 9:54 AM, Stout, Robert <[Robert.Stout@bp.com](mailto:Robert.Stout@bp.com)> wrote:

Troy:

First off, happy Easter! I always found it more fun with young children so I hope you have an enjoyable one. Although they are grown-ups now, Ex. 6

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I thought I would send you BP's latest holding statement as well as the latest UC press release I have for your background (pasted below).

Feel free to contact me even today (mobile number below) if you or Ryan would like to talk.

A couple of quick questions:

1. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->I was thinking I would provide an update later today or tomorrow morning to Ryan Jackson (who I met at the meeting I joined with John M and Pruitt, with Samantha attending also). I also could contact him even later today depending on events or if he wants to hear today. Could you send me his email and cell contact info?
2. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Suzanne asked me to check to see if you have had any Congressional inquiries on the matter.

Thanks and all the best,

**Bob Stout**

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**FINAL BP holding statement on Alaska release – as of 4:30 p.m. CST on 4-15-17**

- BP is continuing efforts to secure a well at Prudhoe Bay field that experienced an unplanned release of hydrocarbons on Friday.
- Based on an overflight with infrared cameras, the release appears to be contained to the gravel pad surrounding the wellhead and has not reached the tundra.
- A full assessment of the impacted area will be made and initial remediation plans developed once the well is secured.
- The focus today is on developing plans to fully and safely secure the well.
- There have been no injuries and no reports of harm to wildlife. Safety will remain our highest priority as we work through this process.
- We are now working in a Unified Command structure to ensure close coordination with local, state and federal officials.

Unified Command Incident Update 15 April 4:45 PM NEWS RELEASE

Incident Name: BPXA Flow Station 1 Drill Site 2 Well 3 Discharge, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska

Source: Unified Command Joint Information Center

Contact: Alaska DEC PIO 907-465-5009 / U.S. EPA PIO 206-900-3309 / BPXA PIO [dawn.patience@bp.com](mailto:dawn.patience@bp.com)

BPXA, Alaska DEC, U.S. EPA and North Slope Borough Form Unified Command in Response to Oil and Gas Well Discharge Near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska

Report as of 3:00 pm AKDT on 15 April 2017, Note: All times are Alaska Time

A Unified Command, consisting of responders from Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), the North Slope Borough, and BP Exploration Alaska (BPXA) has been established to respond to the BP Flow Station 1 Drill Site 2 Well 3 natural gas and crude oil discharge near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. The Unified Command will ensure safe and efficient coordination of resources and information amongst BPXA and state and federal regulators. To date, there have been no injuries and no reported impacts to wildlife.

BPXA Well 3 is located in the Greater Prudhoe Bay area, approximately 5 miles from the Deadhorse Airport on Alaska's North Slope. On April 14, 2017, at approximately 7:30 am, BPXA employees discovered an uncontrolled gas release from the top of Well 3. At approximately 8:15 am, BPXA confirmed the crude spray from the top of the well house and reported the spill to ADEC via the Fairbanks spill reporting line and to U.S. EPA via the National Response Center.

The well is currently venting gas, which caused a spray of crude to impact the well pad. A Forward Looking Infrared or FLIR overflight shows that the crude spray plume did not leave the pad, however, the situation is not safe yet for responders to access the area and confirm that there have been no impacts to adjacent tundra. No volume estimate for crude spray released is available at this time. Two leaks have been identified on the well, one near the top and one further down the well assembly. The top leak was misting oil in conjunction with releasing natural gas, but the activation of the surface safety valve has stopped the release from this point. The bottom leak is currently

leaking gas as well as some minor amount of crude oil. The well structure is housed in a metal "well house" which is helping to contain any oil spray.

ADEC and U.S. EPA have mobilized response personnel to the Unified Incident Command Post located on the North Slope. Responders attempted to secure the well last night, however, this operation was unsuccessful due to safety concerns and damage to a well pressure gauge. Continuous air monitoring has been established around the well, and the situation remained stable overnight. Responders are not able to safely assess the impacted area until the well has been controlled.

The Unified Command continues working to formulate a plan to bring the well under control. Once well control has been achieved, BPXA will work with their Oil Spill Response Organization, Alaska Clean Seas (ACS), to delineate the impacted area. Cleanup plans will be developed through the Incident Command System and with guidance from the Unified Command.

The cause of the discharge is unknown at this time. ADEC and U.S. EPA are coordinating with BPXA and the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to investigate the cause of the discharge, following the securing of the well.

More information:

[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sum\\_fy17/170414301/170414301\\_index.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sum_fy17/170414301/170414301_index.htm)