

**From:** [Dodson, Kate](#)  
**To:** [Maher, Kimberley \(DEC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Alpine Environmental](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?  
**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:11:38 AM  
**Attachments:** [2022.03.09 CPAI CD1 Water Release.pdf](#)

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Kimberley,

In response to your email to Ari this morning, yes – Please add the water release to the spill file for the natural gas leak (Spill #22399906301) reported by the WNS FEC yesterday.

Additionally, CPAI would like to offer a 10-15min call with you and the Incident Commander today at 11am. Please let me know if this time works for you and I will set up a meeting.

Thanks,

**Kate Dodson** | *Environmental Engineer - GKA Permitting*  
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**From:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:26 AM  
**To:** Dodson, Kate <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Alpine Environmental [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Hi Kate,

Thank you for the update below. However, I am still needing additional information on what is being done to identify the source of the gas and obtain source control to stop the leak. The best way for me to be getting information on this is directly from CPAI.

This is a release of hazardous substance to land under 18 AAC 75 Article 3. CPAI needs to demonstrate to DEC that it is following 18 AAC 75.315(a) A responsible person shall investigate, contain, and perform a cleanup of a sudden or recent discharge or release of a hazardous substance.

While it is dry gas that is percolating up through the ground, if CPAI can not tell me what the source is, then it is unknown if it is dry gas that is being released underground since only the dry gas may be rising to the surface at this time.

Information on the investigation into the source and what is currently being done for source control will need to be in today's update, expected around noon.

Regards,  
Kimberley

**Kimberley Maher, Ph.D.**

Northern Region Manager, State on-Scene Coordinator  
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**From:** Dodson, Kate <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 8:47 PM  
**To:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Alpine Environmental <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

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Kimberley,

CPAI is providing updates to the village of Nuiqsut and has been keeping AOGCC informed of the event. CPAI can send a daily email to PPR even if there is no new information. You can expect to see this email around noon each day.

Today's update:

Water observed in and around well cellars CD1-38, CD1-39 and CD1-40 within CD1 Well Row. The WNS FEC will be submitting a spill report for this per the standard ADEC spill reporting procedure. Air quality continues to be monitored, and no natural gas has been detected outside of the CD1 pad.

Thanks,

**Kate Dodson** | *Environmental Engineer - GKA Permitting*

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**From:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:26 AM  
**To:** Dodson, Kate <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Alpine Environmental <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Hi Kate,

Thank you for these updates.

Is CPAI sending out regular updates to regulators and stakeholders? It is important to receive updates even if there is no new information (e.g. still no injuries or impacts to tundra or wildlife, impacted footprint remains the same, or what potential sources of the release have been eliminated). A daily update email is needed by PPR, even if the situation has not changed. Please let me know what time of day to expect updates.

Regards,  
Kimberley

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**From:** Dodson, Kate <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 6:27 AM  
**To:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Alpine Environmental <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

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Kimberley,

Commissioner Brune was called on Saturday March 5th. CPAI did not call the spill reporting hotline. CPAI can keep ADEC-PPR updated as new information becomes available. The current update is below:

The safety zone for the incident continues to be limited to the CD1 area. The Alpine Response Team continues to be onsite. The Anchorage Incident Management Team is providing support to Alpine. There continues to be no reports of injury or environmental impact to the tundra or wildlife. Air quality continues to be monitored, and no natural gas has been detected outside of the CD1 pad. CPAI has ongoing monitoring on the pad using natural gas detection monitors. We are also conducting Aerial Infrared Surveys to monitor the pad from the air. The Alpine Central Facility is continuing essential operations and natural gas continues to be supplied to the Nuiqsut Utility Cooperative.

Thanks,

**Kate Dodson** | *Environmental Engineer - GKA Permitting*  
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**From:** Alpine Environmental <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 5:52 AM  
**To:** Dodson, Kate <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

**Ari Haunschild**  
WNS Environmental Coordinator

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**From:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:09 PM  
**To:** Alpine Environmental <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Thank you for providing the spill report. Who at ADEC received the courtesy notice on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>? Was the ADEC Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program (PPR) spill reporting hotline contacted?

As noted below, since this is a multi-day uncontrolled release of a hazardous substance to the ground, PPR is considering it a reportable release. The key considerations that PPR is looking at are the multi-day, uncontrolled, and to the ground components of this dry gas release. Under Alaska Statute 46.03.754, the discharge of any amount of hazardous substance into or upon the waters or land of the state is prohibited unless authorized by the department.

Please be sure to continue keep ADEC-PPR updated as information becomes available—specifically details about source, actions being taken for source control, rate of release and estimated volume of release, and any safety concerns and precautions.

Regards,  
Kimberley

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**From:** Alpine Environmental <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 11:22 AM  
**To:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Good morning Ms. Maher,

In the attached reporting form, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. is providing the information requested by ADEC yesterday afternoon.

As we interpret the governing ADEC regulations, this is not a reportable event. ConocoPhillips notified AOGCC of the situation when it was discovered, and we and have been engaged with the State of Alaska through the AOGCC since then. For your awareness, we also provided courtesy notice to other State agencies, including ADEC, via telephone calls on Saturday, March 5.

At approximately 2 PM on March 7, 2022, out of an abundance of caution, ConocoPhillips Alaska took steps to evacuate all non-essential personnel from the CD1 pad and the Alpine Central Facility, including the camp.

Regards,

**Ari Haunschild**

WNS Environmental Coordinator  
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**From:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:54 AM  
**To:** Alpine Environmental <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Hi Ari,

While I understand that you are current putting together a report on the situation, please see that a spill report is submitted to DEC.

Regards,  
Kimberley

**Kimberley Maher, Ph.D.**

Northern Region Manager, State on-Scene Coordinator  
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**From:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 4:29 PM  
**To:** AK Wells FEC <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Hi Don,

Since this is a long-term (multi-day) uncontrolled release of a hazardous substance percolating through the ground, PPR is now considering it a reportable release.

Please have CPAI provide information regarding the current work going on to control the release and the safety precautions in place.

Regards,  
Kimberley

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**From:** AK Wells FEC <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 2:41 PM  
**To:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Kimberley,

Apologize, I have to defer to CPAI management for further details on the situation.

Regards,

**Don Graika**/Bert Bertolini (alt)  
ConocoPhillips Alaska  
Drilling & Wells Environmental Coordinator

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**From:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 12:13 PM  
**To:** AK Wells FEC <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Thanks, Don,

While this isn't reportable to PPR, can you please provide any additional information on the situation?

Thanks,  
Kimberley

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**From:** AK Wells FEC <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 11:58 AM  
**To:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

Hello Kimberley,

Your are correct, this is a dry natural gas release only with no liquids released.

Regards,

**Don Graika**/Bert Bertolini (alt)  
ConocoPhillips Alaska

Drilling & Wells Environmental Coordinator

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**From:** Maher, Kimberley (DEC) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 8:39 AM  
**To:** AK Wells FEC <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Gas release at CD1?

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Good morning,

Could I please get some information on the natural gas release at CD1? Is it a dry natural gas release?

Regards,  
Kimberley

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**From:** AK Wells FEC <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 7, 2022 6:49 AM  
**To:** DEC-SPAR-NRegion <[decsparnregion@alaska.gov](mailto:decsparnregion@alaska.gov)>  
**Cc:** Herbert H. Ipalook <[REDACTED]>; Rodney Ahtuanguak <[REDACTED]>; Ralph A. Kaleak <[REDACTED]>; Lilly H. Kilapsuk <[REDACTED]>; Mabel Kaleak <[REDACTED]>; Leroy L. Oenga Jr. <[REDACTED]>; Chastity Olemaun <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Alpine GMT1/MT6 1-gal Diesel Spill

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leaking heater. The impacted area has been 100% cleaned up by ACS.

Regards,

**Don Graika**/Bert Bertolini (alt)

ConocoPhillips Alaska

Drilling & Wells Environmental Coordinator

