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Alyeska Resumes Tanker Loading

VALDEZ, AK – Alyeska Pipeline Service Company has resumed tanker loading at its Valdez Marine Terminal after an overflight of the spill zone confirmed successful recovery operations to federal and state officials.

After the fly-over late Monday afternoon, the United States Coast Guard and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation concurred with Alyeska to restart regular tanker-related operations.

A tanker docked at Berth 5 late yesterday evening and remains there this morning, with loading operations underway.

“We appreciate the diligence and concentration of responders, and state and federal personnel who worked closely with us to this point,” said Scott Hicks, Incident Commander. “We will maintain that focus until we are satisfied that our response is complete to our shared standards.”

Activity in the area of Berths 4 and 5 will continue as vessels and equipment are decontaminated and crews monitor conditions and the absorbent boom that remains.

Response updates are located at: <http://alyeska-pipe.com/NewsCenter/HeadlineStories#162>

Photos attached, hi-resolution versions by request.

Photo 1 caption: Looking southeast toward the Valdez Marine Terminal, Berth 5 is in the foreground and Berth 4 is in the background. Crews have deployed white absorbent boom along the shoreline of the Terminal, which will collect any remaining sheen as the area cycles through tides. (Monday, Sept. 25, 2017)

Photo 2 caption: An overhead view of the area between Berths 4 and 5 on the Valdez Marine Terminal shows the narrow area where remaining sheen is in front of the Main Firewater Building, the structure onshore, lower left. The sheen is controlled by white absorbent boom, which will collect any remaining sheen as the area cycles through tides. (Monday, Sept. 25, 2017)

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