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Pipeline shut down after oil discovered in building at Pump Station 1

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – This morning at approximately 8:15 a.m. personnel at Pump Station 1 discovered oil leaking into the station's booster pump building. This leak appears to be from a section of piping at the station that is encased in concrete adjacent to the building. The Trans Alaska Pipeline System was shut down at 8:50 a.m. Crews are currently onsite to assess the situation and isolate the source of the leak. Additional resources are en route to support containment, recovery and repair efforts. No injuries have been reported involving this incident and the spill appears to be contained. The North Slope producers have been prorated to five percent of normal production.

Saturday morning, an Incident Management Team was activated in Fairbanks along with a Crisis Management Team in Anchorage. Initial incident objectives are to safely stop the leak, initiate cleanup efforts, and determine necessary repairs.

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