

Memorandum

U. S. Department of TransportationPipeline andHazardous MaterialsSafety Administration

Date: November 2, 2010

To: R. M. Seeley, Regional Director, Southwest Region

From: Gene Roberson, General Engineer

Subject: Incident Report: Explorer Pipeline

OPID: 4805 Unit No.: 2494
Date of incident: August 17, 2009

Atoka County, OK.

NRC Report # 915209 ODES Report # 20090261

Summary:

At approximately 5:45 pm CST, August 17, 2009, Explorer Pipeline Company (Explorer) identified a product release on their Greenville, TX – Glenpool, OK 28-inch OD pipeline in Atoka County, OK. Explorer's aerial patrol observed an area of dead vegetation at Mile Post (MP) 398.7 on the ROW, and ground crews confirmed the indication of a release from the odor of petroleum products in the area. The pipeline was shut in immediately, and crews mobilized to excavate the pipeline for confirmation of the release and repair of the pipeline. The section of the pipeline where the release occurred has an MOP of 751 psig and was operating at 129 psig when the release was confirmed. Records indicate the highest operating pressure for the previous 30 days was 682 psig. Upon excavation a 2% dent with metal loss was found on the bottom of the pipe (6 o'clock position) with product being released. Explorer made a temporary repair of the location by installing a PLIDCO Repair Sleeve over the area until a permanent repair could be made. The pipeline was returned to service at a reduced pressure, pending scheduling of a shutdown to allow a permanent repair to be completed. Fifty (50) barrels (bbls) of diesel fuel were estimated to have been released as a result of this accident, and none was recovered.

During the week of October 26, 2009 the pipeline was shut in, and a permanent repair was made by installing a section of new pipe in the area of the release. A 10-foot section of pipe containing the failure was then transported to the DNV Columbus Inc. laboratory facility in Dublin, Ohio, for a metallurgical failure investigation. The pipe section in which the release occurred is 28-inch OD, 0.281-inch nominal wall thickness (wt), API 5L X52 line pipe with double submerged arc welded (DSAW) longitudinal seams. The pipe was manufactured in 1971 by STELCO Corporation. The metallurgical analysis determined the probable cause of the release to be through wall cracking consistent with near-neutral pH stress corrosion cracking (SCC).

At the time of the release, Explorer was in the process of re-evaluating previous in-line inspection tool (ILI) log run data from 2007 and 2008 ILI runs and performing 58 additional verification digs associated with this segment of pipeline, and no SCC was identified in these excavations. Specifically, there were 4 additional locations that had ILI data characteristics similar to the anomaly at the release location, and these 4 "dent-like" locations were excavated and examined. None of the 4 additional excavation sites contained SCC.

As a result of the accident, Explorer hired vendors to support additional data analysis, excavations, and inspections. In all previous excavations on this pipeline segment, SCC has only been identified in the presence of deformation anomalies (dents); therefore, post accident activities were tailored to address SCC within dents. Explorer's program for identifying sites of possible SCC in dents had focused on dents > 2% OD in depth, but the dent at the failure site was less than 2%. Therefore, ILI tool data was analyzed for all areas where dents were present in areas of metal loss. The analysis identified 328 locations for evaluation, and 15 sites were identified for further examination. The excavations performed did not reveal any additional locations with SCC present.

Background:

The PHMSA inspection unit in which the release occurred (SMART # 2494) has a history of failures due to SCC in 2004 and in 2007 resulting in a Corrective Action Order (CAO) being issued to Explorer (CPF 4-2007-5021H). CPF 4-2007-5021H was closed on 09/01/2009.

System description:

Explorer Pipeline Company owns and operates a 1400-mile pipeline system transporting primarily gasoline, fuel oil and jet fuel from Gulf Coast refineries and import facilities in Texas and Louisiana into the Midwestern United States. The system was constructed in 1971. The main line pipe size is 28-inch OD from Port Arthur, Texas, to Glenpool, Oklahoma (southern line segment) and 24-inch OD from Glenpool to Hammond, Indiana (northern line segment). There are 20 pump stations located throughout the system, which has a current total line capacity of 560,000 barrels per day on the southern segment and 350,000 barrels per day on the northern segment. Explorer's pipeline operations are monitored and controlled from the Explorer Control Center located in the Tulsa Headquarters office.

The release occurred in PHMSA Inspection Unit 2494 – Central District. The pipeline unit travels from Greenville, TX to Glenpool, OK, to the OK-MO State line near Joplin, MO and consists of 31 tanks and 432 miles of pipeline. The main line was installed in 1971 consisting of 28-inch OD, 0.280/0.312-inch wt, API 5L X-52, DSAW longitudinal seam line pipe from STELCO. The line has coal tar enamel external coating.

Findings:

The line pipe in which the release occurred was evaluated during the installation of the PLIDCO sleeve. Evidence of a dent with metal loss was present but no further details were obtainable at that time. On October 26, 2009 the section of pipe containing the probable leak was removed from the Explorer system and transported to DNV Columbus for metallurgical analysis. The metallurgical analysis determined the probable cause of the release to be through wall cracking consistent with near-neutral pH SCC.

Conclusions:

Stress corrosion cracking in the Greenville to Glenpool segment of pipeline has only been found to date in conjunction with external dents/deformation of the pipe.

Appendices:

- Appendix A NRC # 915209
- Appendix B PHMSA F 7000.1 ODES #20090261
- Appendix C DNV Metallurgical Report ENAUS813BPADG Privileged and Confidential
- Appendix D DNV Incident Summary ANEUS822TARP
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Appendix A

NRC Report

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NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

*** For Public Use ***

Information released to a third party shall comply with any applicable federal and/or state Freedom of Information and Privacy Laws

Incident Report # 915209

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken at 18:58 on 17-AUG-09

Incident Type: PIPELINE Incident Cause: UNKNOWN

Affected Area:

The incident was discovered on 17-AUG-09 at 17:45 local time.

Affected Medium: SOIL SOIL

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Organization: EXPLORER PIPELINE

TULSA , OK 74101

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

1/2 MILE NORTH 1/2 MILE WEST County: ATOKA

INTERSECTION OF OVERLAND TRAIL AND

BUTTERFIELD

City: CANEY, OKLAHOMA State: OK

Distance from City: 10.5 MILES

Direction from City: WNW Latitude: 34° 17' 34" N

Longitude: 096° 20' 50" W

Section: 15 Township: 3S Range: 9E MP 398.8 GREENVILLE TO GLENPOOL 28 NE/4 SW/4

S15 R3S T9E ATOKA COUNTY,

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: ODS Official Material Name: OIL: DIESEL

Also Known As: FUEL OIL - DIESEL 2 Qty Released: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

REPORTING A PIPELINE RELEASE. NO FREE PRODUCT AT THIS TIME. NO IMPACT TO WATER. DEAD VEGETATION ON ROW AND SMELL OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT IN SOIL. EXCAVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTORS ON SITE IN ADDITION TO COMPANY PERSONNEL. WILL BEGIN EXCAVATION TONIGHT TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF OF INCIDENT. REPORTING AT THIS TIME

DUE TO COSTS EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$50,000. NO VOLUME ESTIMATE AVAILABLE.

INCIDENT DETAILS

Pipeline Type: TRANSMISSION

DOT Regulated: YES

Pipeline Above/Below Ground: BELOW

Exposed or Under Water: NO Pipeline Covered: UNKNOWN

DAMAGES

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

INJURIES: NO Hospitalized: Empl/Crew: Passenger: FATALITIES: NO Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:

EVACUATIONS: NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

Damages: YES \$50000

Length of Direction of

Closure Type Description of Closure Closure Closure

Air: N

Road: N

Major Artery: N

Waterway: N

Track: N

Passengers Transferred: NO

Environmental Impact: YES/VEGETATION

Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

EXCAVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTORS ON-SITE.

Release Secured: YES

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: PARTLY CLOUDY, 90°F Wind speed: 15 MPH Wind direct

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal: N/A

State/Local: OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION

State/Local On Scene: N/A
State Agency Number: N/A

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

USCG ICC (ICC ONI)

17-AUG-09 19:34

COLORADO INFO ANALYSIS CENTER (FUSION CENTER)

17-AUG-09 19:34

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

17-AUG-09 19:34

U.S. EPA VI (MAIN OFFICE)

17-AUG-09 19:38

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

17-AUG-09 19:34

NOAA RPTS FOR OK (MAIN OFFICE)

17-AUG-09 19:34

OFC OF ENV SVC CHEROKEE NATIONS OK (MAIN OFFICE)

17-AUG-09 19:34

PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY (AUTO))

17-AUG-09 19:34

PIPELINE & HAZMAT SAFETY ADMIN (OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY WEEKDAYS (VERBAL))

17-AUG-09 19:39

DEQ OKLAHOMA (MAIN OFFICE)

17-AUG-09 19:34

WEB REPORT (WEB REPORT SUBMITTER)

17-AUG-09 19:34

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

//////WEB REPORT/////

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 915209 ***

Appendix B
ODES Report
2009 0261

NOTICE: This report is required by 49 CFR Part 195. Failure to report can result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 for each violation for each day that such violation persists except that the maximum civil penalty shall not exceed \$500,000 as provided in 49 USC 60122 OMB No. 2137-0047

U.S. Department of Transportation Research and Special Programs Administration

ACCIDENT REPORT – HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE SYSTEMS

Report Date
No
(DOT Use Only)

INSTRUCTIONS

Important: Please read the separate instructions for completing this form before you begin. They clarify the information requested and provide specific examples. If you do not have a copy of the instructions, you can obtain one from the Office Of Pipeline Safety Web Page at http://ops.dot.gov.

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PART A – GENERAL REPORT IN	Check one or mo Original R	ore boxes as appropriate: eport Supplemental	Poport Fi	inal Papart		
d. Operator street address e. Operator address C IMPORTANT: IF THE SPILL IS S COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY, U	ification Number (if known) / / pipeline, enter Owner's OPS 5-dig ity, County, State and Zip Code MALL, THAT IS, THE AMOUNT IS JNLESS THE SPILL IS TO WATE	it Identification Number (if know	vn) /	/ / 5 BARRELS,		
REPORTABLE UNDER §195.50 A	45 REVISED IN CT 2001.					
2. Time and date of the accident		5. Losses (Estimated)		>		
/ / / / / / / mor	/ / / / / nth dav vear	. ,	osses reimbursed by operator:			
Location of accident	, ,	Public/private property				
(If offshore, do not complete a t	hrough d. See Part C.1)	. /	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \			
a. Latitude:	Longitude:					
(if not available, see instructions for he	ow to provide specific location)					
b.		(describe)	Ψ_			
b. City, and County or Parish		(describe)				
CState and Zip Code		Operator Losses:				
d. Mile post/valve station o		Value of product lost \$				
(whichever gives more a		Value of operator property damage \$				
	Other Costs	\$_				
4. Telephone report		(describe)				
<u> </u>	month day year	Total Costs	\$_			
	\rightarrow					
6. Commodity Spilled Yes			c. Estimated a involved :	amount of commodity		
(If Yes, complete Parts a through c where applicable) a. Name of commodity spilled			Barrels			
b. Classification of commodity spilled:				Gallons (check only if spill is less than one barrel)		
HVLs /other flammable or toxic fluid which is a gas at ambient conditions				in one barrei)		
CO ₂ or other non-flammable, non-toxic fluid which is a gas at ambient conditions Gasoline, diesel, fuel oil or other petroleum product which is a liquid at ambient conditions			Amounts: Spilled :			
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Corrosion Natural F	•	•	e Force Damag			
Material and/or Weld Failure		Incorrect Ope	eration	Other		
PART B – PREPARER AND AUTI	HORIZED SIGNATURE					
(type or print) Preparer's Name and Title)		Area Code and	Felephone Number		
Preparer's E-mail Address			Area Code and F	Facsimile Number		
Authorized Signature	(type or print) Name a	and Title Date	Area Code and	Telephone Number		

PART C – ORIGIN OF THE ACCIDENT (Check all that apply)					
Additional location information a. Line segment name or ID	Offshore: Yes No (complete d if offshore)				
b. Accident on Federal land other than Outer Continental	d. Area Block #				
Shelf Yes No c. Is pipeline interstate? Yes No	State // or Outer Continental Shelf				
2. Location of system involved (check all that apply)	a. Type of leak or rupture				
Operator's Property Pipeline Right of Way	Leak: Pinhole Connection Failure (complete sec. H5)				
High Consequence Area (HCA)?	Puncture, diameter (inches)				
Describe HCA	Rupture: Circumferential – Separation				
Part of system involved in accident Above Ground Storage Tank	Longitudinal – Tear/Crack, length (inches) Propagation Length, total, both sides (feet)				
Cavern or other below ground storage facility	N/A				
Pump/meter station; terminal/tank farm piping and equipment, including sumps	Otherb.Type of block valve used for isolation of immediate section:				
Other Specify:	Upstream: Manual Automatic Remote Control				
Onshore pipeline , including valve sites Offshore pipeline , including platforms	Check Valve Downstream: Manual Automatic Remote Control				
If failure occurred on Pipeline , complete items a - g:	Check Valve c. Length of segment isolatedft				
	d. Distance between valves				
Failure occurred on Body of Pipe	e. Is segment configured for internal inspection tools? Yes No				
Pump Sump Joint	f. Had there been an in-line inspection device run at the point of failure? Yes No Don't Know				
Component Valve Metering Facility Repair Sleeve Welded Fitting Bolted Fitting	Not Possible due to physical constraints in the system				
Girth Weld	g. If Yes, type of device run (check all that apply)				
Other (specify)	High Resolution Magnetic Flux tool Year run: Low Resolution Magnetic Flux tool Year run:				
Year the component that failed was installed: //	UT tool Year run:				
5. Maximum operating pressure (MOP)a. Estimated pressure at point and time of accident:	Geometry too Year run:				
PSIG	Câliper tool Year run:				
b. MOP at time of accident: PSIG	Crack tool Year run:				
c. Did an overpressurization occur relating to the accident?	Hard Spot tool Year run: Other tool Year run:				
Yes No					
PART D – MATERIAL SPECIFICATION	PART E – ENVIRONMENT				
1. Nominal pipe size (NPS)	1. Area of accident In open ditch				
2. Wall thickness	Under pavement Above ground				
3. Specification SMYS	_/ Underground Under water				
4. Seam type	Inside/under building Other				
5. Valve type					
6. Manufactured byin year /	2. Depth of cover: inches				
PART F - CONSEQUENCES					
1. Consequences (check and complete all that apply)	a Draduct ignited - Veg - No d Evaluation - Veg - No.				
a. Fatalities Injuries Number of operator employees:	c. Product ignited Yes No d. Explosion Yes No e. Evacuation (general public only) // people				
Contractor employees working for operator:	Reason for Evacuation:				
General public:	Precautionary by company				
Totals:	Evacuation required or initiated by public official				
b. Was pipeline/segment shutdown due to leak? Yes No	f. Elapsed time until area was made safe:				
If Yes, how long? days hours minutes	// hr. // min.				
2. Environmental Impact					
a. Wildlife Impact: Fish/aquatic Yes No	e. Water Contamination: Yes No (If Yes, provide the following)				
Birds Yes No Terrestrial Yes No					
	Amount in water barrels Ocean/Seawater No Yes				
b. Soil Contamination Yes No	Amount in water barrels Ocean/Seawater No Yes Surface No Yes				
If Yes, estimated number of cubic yards:	Ocean/Seawater No Yes Surface No Yes Groundwater No Yes				
	Ocean/Seawater No Yes Surface No Yes				

PART G - LEAK DETECTION						
Computer based leak determined		Yes No	Yes No			
2. Was the release initially detected by? (check one):		CPM/SCADA-based system with leak detection Static shut-in test or other pressure or leak test				
		Remote operating	personnel, incl	uding controllers		
		Air patrol or ground	Air patrol or ground surveillance			
		A third party	(Other (specify)		
3. Estimated leak duration	days hours					
PART H – APPARENT CAU	SE primary cause of		ne circle in eac	t H. Check the box corresponding to the hof the supplemental categories uctions for guidance.		
H1 – CORROSION	a. Pipe Coating	·		c. Cause of Corrosion		
External Corrosion	Bare Coated	Localized Pitting General Corrosio		Galvanic Atmospheric Stray Current Microbiologica		
	Coalcu	Other		Cathodic Protection Disrupted		
Internal Corrosion				Stress Corrosion Cracking Selective Seam Corrosion		
(Complete items a – e				Other		
where applicable.)	d. Was corroded part of	pipeline considered to be	under cathodi	c protection prior to discovering accident?		
		Protection Started: /				
	e. Was pipe previously d					
H2 – NATURAL FORCES	No Yes => Est	imated time prior to acci-	dent: /	/ years / / months Unknown		
3. Earth Movement	=> Earthquake	Subsidence La	andslide	Other)		
4. Lightning						
5. Heavy Rains/Flood	s => Washouts	Flotation M	ludslide	Scouring Other		
6. Temperature	=> Thermal stress	Frost heave Fr	rozen compone			
7. High Winds			\rightarrow (Ω)			
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H3 — EXCAVATION DAMA	GE					
Operator Excavation	on Damage (including their c	ontractors/Not Third Part	ty)			
Third Party (complete)	ete a-f)	\bigwedge (Ω)	.,			
a. Excavator grou Ge	ւր eneral Public Governn	nent Excavator oth	er than Operat	or/subcontractor		
b. Type: Ro	ad Work Pipeline	Water Electric		Phone/Cable		
			Dellased			
Lar	ndowner-not farming related	Farming	Railroad			
Oth	ner liquid or gas transmission	pipeline operator or the	ir contractor			
Na	utical Operations	Other				
c. Excavation was		ıb-strata (boring, directio	nal drilling, etc.)		
	s an ongoing activity (Month	, 5.	0.	s, Date of last contact //		
	et prior notification of excava	• ,		,		
		// day /	/ yr.	No		
Notification re	ceived from: One Call	System Excavato	or Contra	ctor Landowner		
f Was nineline m	arked as result of location re	equest for excavation?	No Y	'es (If Yes, check applicable items i - iv)		
i. Temporar ii. Permaner	y markings: Flags	Stakes Pair		ез (п тез, спеск аррпсаме кетіз т-ту)		
	re (check one): Accur	ate Not Accurate				
iv. Were ma	rks made within required tim	e? Yes No				
Fire/Explosion as p	rimary cause of failure =>	Fire/Explosion cause:	Man made	e Natural		
11. Car, truck or other	vehicle not relating to excava	ation activity damaging p	pipe			
Rupture of Previou	sly Damaged Pipe					
13. Vandalism						

H5 – MATI Material	ERIAL AND/OR	WELD F	AILURES				
14.	Body of Pipe	=>	Dent	Gouge	Bend	Arc Burn	Other
15.	Component	=>	Valve	Fitting	Vessel	Extruded Outlet	Other
16.	Joint	=>	Gasket	O-Ring	Threads		Other
Weld							
17.	Butt	=>	Pipe	Fabrication			Other
18.	Fillet	=>	Branch	Hot Tap	Fitting	Repair Sleeve	Other
19.	Pipe Seam	=>	LF ERW HF ERW	DSAW SAW	Seamless Spiral	Flash Weld	Other
Comple	te a-g if you i	indicate	any cause in p	part H5.			
a.	Type of failure: Constructio Material De	n Defect :	=> Poor Work	kmanship Pr	ocedure not followed	Poor Construct	ion Procedures
				in transportation to fore accident occur	o the construction or red? Yes, con	fabrication site? Ye	s No
	Date of test:		-	/ mo. /	/ day		
	Test medium: Time held at te		ater Inert C re: / <u>/</u> I	· · · / -			
			at point of accide		F	PSIG	
H6 – EQU 20. Mal	IPMENT function of Cont	trol/Relief I	Equipment =>	Control-valve	Instrumentat	ion SCADA	Communications
20. Mai	ranction of cont	iroi/Telier i	Equipment =>	Block valve	Relief valve	Power failure	Other
21. Thr	eads Stripped, E	Broken Pin	ne Counting -	Nipples Nipples	Valve Threads	Dresser Couplings	Other
	al Failure	DIOROIT IP	=>		O-Ring	Seal/Pump Packing	Other
	RRECT OPERA	ATION	//-~	Gashet	- Tang	Coal/1 ump 1 acking	Outer
23. Inco a. Type:	orrect Operation Inadequ Other	uate Proce	edures Inade	quate Safety Pract	ices Failure to	Follow Procedures	
b. Numb	/ =	involved	who failed a post-a	accident test: drug	 g test: /	/ alcohol test /	/
H8 – OTHI							
24. Miscellaneous, describe: 25. Unknown							
PART I – N	Investigation Complète Still Under Investigation (submit a supplemental report when investigation is complete) PART I – NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE EVENT (Attach additional sheets as necessary)						
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Appendix C Metallurgical Report Privileged and Confidential



DET NORSKE VERITAS

Final Report Metallurgical Analysis of 28-Inch Diameter Double Submerged Arc-Welded Longitudinal Seam

Explorer Pipeline Company Tulsa, Oklahoma

Report No./DNV Reg No.: ENAUS813BPADG (EP008510)

December 31, 2009

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Appendix D Incident Summary Privileged and Confidential



Det Norske Veritas

Final Report

Atoka MP 398 Incident Summary

Explorer Pipeline Company Tulsa, Oklahoma