Notification ID:	4055	Investigation ID:	
NRC#	1343724		8547

Inspector Name:	Anthony Dorrough
<b>Date Report Submitted</b>	October 14, 2022
to Chief Engineer:	
<b>Date Report Reviewed</b>	
& Approved by Chief	
Engineer:	

Operator:	Olympic Pipeline Company, OPID 30781 30 South Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606
District/Unit:	Olympic Pipeline Company - North 16292 Ovenell Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Locations:	Allen Pump Station 16292 Ovenell Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Incident Dates:	August 5, 2022

### **Description:**

### **Summary:**

During a routine inspection, it was discovered that a control valve on a distribution pipeline was slightly leaking diesel fuel into a containment area (**Photo 1-6**). The initial 48-Hour report to NRC indicated [**443**] gallons diesel was released. The F-7100-1 Accident Report submitted to PHMSA on August 24, 2022, indicated [**10.50**] barrels. It appears this accident was unpreventable with a failed O-ring as the root cause.



Photo 1—Allen Station (Site of incident) 16292 Ovenell Rd Mount Vernon WA



Photo 2—looking north across 20-inch valve location and containment area.



**Photo** 3—looking north at Valve actuator and grating over containment area.

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**Photo** 4—Looking north at 20-inch main line carbon steel ball valve with leaked product in containment area. Manufacturer: Grove.



Photo 5—looking north into containment area with leaked product.



**Photo** 6—looking west at 20-inch valve from within the containment area after clean-out.

### **Facts/Chronology of Events:**

### 08/05/2022

- 11:15 Discovered product in 20-inch main line valve containment.
- 11:19 Notified RCC to shut-down pipeline.
- 11:23 Notified DOM, Terry Zimmerman.
- 11:30 Site Safety, Leif LeBlanc, arrives on site.
- 11:35 Started continuous air monitoring.
- 11:40 Notified Environmental Coordinator (EC), Paula Skryja.
- 11:50 Notified NRC, requesting spill response.
- 12:10 Notified WUTC
- 13:00 Logistics Reponders, Garrett Parker, Mark Skodje and Kyle Meeker arrive on site.
- 14:57 Washington State Ecology, W. Pavios, arrives on site and waits for pressure washer.
- 16:25 EC arrives on site, begins assessment of spill volume.
- 18:02 EC calculates worst case scenario = 623.11
- 18:20 (OSRO) WUTC investigator, A. Dorrough, arrives on site.
- 19:36 Leo Conte, arrives on site, approves US Ecology to wear poly-tyvek over FRC.
- 19:40 Pressure Washer arrives on site.
- 19:50 NRC Responders, Mark Gibson, Alex Sherbina and Dillon Lake, arrive on site.
- 20:00 Site Safety conducts safety brief.
- 20:20 Started containment clean up.

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16:21 Restarted Olympic Pipeline after investigation and repair work.

#### **Causes/Contributing Factors:**

The root cause for this incident was due to equipment, a failed O-ring.

#### **Regulatory Analysis/ Violations:**

The investigation did not find the pipeline operator caused or contributed to the incident.

#### Follow up/ Recommendations:

During the next standard inspection, review records to determine whether or not more of these type of O-ring failures occurred, which may indicate a systemic problem.