BP has stopped production from the Central Azeri production platform in the Caspian Sea due to a gas leak.

A spokeswoman for the Anglo-American oil major told Reuters oil production has been shut in because of the leak, saying, “A gas leak was discovered in the area of a Central Azeri platform this morning. The staff has been evacuated and the works halted.”

Central Azeri is one of three platforms which exploit the Azeri, Chirag and Gunashli field in the Azerbaijan sector of the Caspian Sea off the capital Baku.

The field also supplies most of the production into the Baku-Ceyhan pipeline from the Azeri fields to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. Flow through the pipeline was halted last month due to a fire at valve station on a section of the line in east Turkey.