

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V LeConte Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 04-11-99-131-01

LEDGER CODE: 14953360

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: May 10, 2004 10:00AM

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: May 10, 2004 5:00 PM

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: May 11, 2004 3:00 PM

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Potential Spill Only. The vessel has approximately 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel and other oils on board.

LOCATION: Cozian Reef, Peril Straits on the north end of Baranof Island. (135⁰ 26.5' W long; 57⁰ 34.01N lat)

CAUSE OF SPILL: Grounding

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): State of Alaska DOT/Alaska Marine Highway System

RESPONSE ACTION: The M/V LeConte grounded on Cozian Reef at approximately 10:00 AM this morning on a falling tide. Passengers and non-essential personnel were removed from the vessel in lifeboats to "Good Samaritan" vessels standing by as a precautionary measure. Passengers are being taken to Sitka and Angoon. There was no loss of life and only two injuries reported, neither life threatening.

The US Coast Guard command center directed two Coast Guard cutters to respond to the grounding as well as three Coast Guard aircraft.

DOT contracted with Alaska Steamship Response Company to manage all pollution related issues. The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO), a Coast Guard certified spill response contractor for DOT, has been activated and is responding.

Tugs from Sitka and Juneau are currently underway to the scene with spill response gear. SEAPRO's Oil Spill Response Vessel (OSRV) Neka Bay is underway from Juneau with additional personnel and oil spill response gear.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time

RESOURCES AFFECTED: None at this time

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The AMHS has personnel on scene to evaluate the situation.

SEAPRO personnel will place two oil containment booms around the vessel when the resources arrive on scene this evening.

The AMHS plans to ballast down the vessel to prevent it from refloating on the high tide until a complete evaluation of the vessel can be made.

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WEATHER: Winds 280 @ 13 kts; Sky Clear and 54⁰; seas 3 ft.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

- Incident Commander: Tom Briggs, DOT
- F.O.S.C. : CDR John Sifling, USCG MSO Juneau
- S.O.S.C. : Bob Mattson, Southeast Alaska Response Team

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