



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Industry Preparedness Program
SITUATION REPORT



T/V *Renda* Nome Fuel Delivery

SITREP # 6

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 5:00 PM on January 16, 2012

BACKGROUND: The T/V *Renda* will deliver gasoline and diesel fuel to Nome, Alaska. Due to ice conditions, this will be done under heightened alert conditions.

A scheduled fall delivery of fuel by Delta Western, Inc. to Bonanza Fuel, Inc. in the community of Nome was missed. The delivery was planned to be by a fuel barge operating in open water. Conditions made delivery more difficult going into late fall. A severe storm on November 8-11, 2011 followed soon by sea and shore ice conditions prevented further use of fuel barges in the area until next open water season. Rather than waiting until the next season, Bonanza Fuel initiated efforts for a winter delivery of fuel by contracting with Vitus Marine LLC ("Vitus Marine") to secure a spot charter for delivery of diesel and gasoline in the late December or early January timeframe. Vitus Marine contracted for the tank vessel (T/V) *Renda*, a Russian ice-strengthened tanker, to make a delivery through ice of approximately one million gallons of diesel fuel and 400,000 gallons of gasoline. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) was asked to make the cutter *Healy* available to break ice for the T/V *Renda*.

VESSEL INFORMATION:

- T/V *Renda* is a 370-foot, Russian-registered vessel with an ice classification of UL 1 (equivalent to the Baltic Ice Class 1A).
- U.S. Coast Guard Cutter (CGC) *Healy* is a 420-foot ice breaker class boat with the capability of passing through 4.5 feet of ice at 4 knots and the ability to break through 8 feet of ice by backing and ramming.

SITUATION UPDATE: The T/V *Renda* is iced in and preparation to transfer the fuel was finalized. Two 4-inch transfer hoses were dispatched from the *Renda* to the onshore marine header to offload both the diesel and the gasoline simultaneously. Each transfer hose is approximately 2,200 feet long. Currently, the gasoline is flowing from the *Renda* to Nome and the diesel will be flowing here shortly.

It will take approximately 40 plus hours to unload the fuel from the tanker. After all the fuel has been offloaded, the *Renda* will depart Nome with the help of the *Healy*.

WEATHER: Decreasing clouds. Patchy fog. Lows around -15 °F. North winds to 10 mph.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 5:00 PM on January 17, 2012

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