



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



## **T/V *Renda* Nome Fuel Delivery**

### **SITREP # 8**

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 5:00 PM on January 18, 2012

**BACKGROUND:** The T/V *Renda* is delivering gasoline and diesel fuel to Nome, Alaska. Due to ice conditions, this is being 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 gasoline transfer restarted at approximately 4:30 PM yesterday and was completed at about 3:30 AM today. Upon completion, the line was pigged (a mobile plug that is passed through a line) to remove any remaining gasoline; however, the pig got stuck in the line. While the diesel transfer continued with one hose, the crews worked to free the pig in the second hose so the diesel transfer could be conducted using both hoses. The issue with the pig was resolved and the transfer of diesel using the second hose commenced around 1:00 PM.

All the gasoline cargo (300,000 gallons) and 670,000 gallons of diesel have been transferred from the T/V *Renda* to the Bonanza Fuel tank farm. Approximately 380,000 gallons of diesel remain to be transferred. Vitus Marine estimates that the transfer will be completed by early Thursday morning.

ADEC and USCG representatives remain in Nome overseeing the fuel transfer.

**WEATHER:** Tonight, partly cloudy; lows 5 to -10 °F; and northwest winds to 10 mph.

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 5:00 PM on January 19, 2012

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/rendera/>

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