



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



Tug Capt. Hendren Grounding near St. Michael

SITREP # 1

SPILL #: 12389928601

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 3:00 p.m. on October 15, 2012

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Lee Hendren

INCIDENT LOCATION:

The tug *Capt. Hendren* grounded on a submerged reef at 61° 31' 03.28" north, 162° 04' 47.46" west, approximately two miles west of St. Michael.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL:

The grounding occurred at approximately 2:00 p.m. on October 12, 2012. This is a potential spill incident; no release of fuel or lube products has been observed at this time from the grounded tug.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:

No spill has occurred, but six hundred gallons of diesel fuel and operational quantities of lubricating oils remain on board the 66-foot tug, according to the vessel captain.

CAUSE OF SPILL:

The vessel was transiting from Nome to St. Michael when it grounded during low tide. Six-foot seas and a 30-knot north wind pushed the vessel further onto the rocks, where it lost propulsion and steering and remains hard aground, listing at 45° to 50°. No petroleum spill was observed over the weekend.

SOURCE CONTROL:

No spill has occurred.

RESPONSE ACTION:

The two crew members abandoned the grounded tug in the emergency life raft. The crewmen were picked up by local residents after reaching shore and were taken to the local clinic for observation and treatment of hypothermia. The U.S. Coast Guard continues to monitor the vessel and coordinate a lightering plan with the vessel owner. Inclement sea conditions, including freezing spray, are currently preventing salvage crews from removing the fuel and lube oils. The St. Michael Village Police Officer and search and rescue team are monitoring the stricken vessel for change.

RESOURCES AFFECTED:

No resources have been affected because no spill has occurred.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Coast Guard has requested a salvage plan from the vessel owner before lightering begins. ADEC will continue to monitor the response actions and review plans.

WEATHER:

Today: Northwest winds at 25 knots with gusts over 30 knots; 5-foot seas with freezing spray. , Calmer sea conditions are expected later in the week.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Lee Hendren,
 SOSC: Tom DeRuyter ADEC
 FOSSC: Paul Mehler, U.S. Coast Guard
 LOSSC: Nick Lupsin, VPO St. Michaels

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