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

### SITUATION REPORT

**INCIDENT NAME**: M/V Selendang Ayu **SITREP #**: 22

**SPILL NUMBER**: 04259934301 **LEDGER CODE**: 14142160

<u>TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT</u>: The M/V Selendang-Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM, December 8, on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM December 22, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 12:00 PM December 23, 2004.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED**: IFO 380 and/or diesel fuel. As of 12/13, the revised estimates of original amounts of fuel on board the vessel are 424,000 gallons of IFO 380 (Intermediate Fuel Oil) and 18,000 gallons of diesel. A fuel tank holding an estimated 40,131 gallons of fuel ruptured when the vessel broke apart. Other tanks are believed to be leaking. Actual amount of spilled fuel is unknown.

**LOCATION**: The vessel's position is at 53° 38' 04" N, 167° 07' 30" W on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape. This site is approximately 25 miles in a direct line or 50 sea miles from Dutch Harbor.

**CAUSE OF SPILL**: The Coast Guard reported at 7:14 PM, December 8, 2004 that the vessel had broken in half.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP)**: Ayu Navigation Snd, Bhd, Port Klang, Malaysia. The operator is IMC Shipping.

## **RESPONSE ACTION:**

**Spill Response**: Vessels may return to oil recovery, shoreline cleanup and wildlife recovery operations by tomorrow due to improving weather predictions. Overflights are scheduled today to assess shoreline, wildlife impacts and vessel status.

A Salvage team conducted an overflight of the vessel yesterday and attempted to also identify suitable landside staging areas. The overflight revealed no significant change to the vessel. No other overflight was conducted due to weather. Initial lightering plan involves preparing for pumping operations expected to begin around the first of the year and may take up to 3 weeks depending on conditions encountered and vessel's degradation over time. The Salvage team provided the local community with a briefing last night on upcoming oil removal efforts.

SERVS on-water recovery system "the Current Buster" has been purchased by the responsible party and is being mobilized to Dutch Harbor. Alyeska will be sending trained operators to train RP's contractor with the recovery system. Daily meetings with tribal and corporation leaders continue to be well attended. The Unified Command made a formal request to the Regional Response Team for tactical application of dispersants for consideration.

The Planning section is currently developing a "Winter Operations" plan. Shoreline cleanup operations will continue following the results of impacted shoreline assessments. A total of more than 150 people are involved in the oil spill response effort to date. Fifty three spill responders have met minimum shoreline clean-up operations training. Over one hundred local personnel have completed the Hazwoper 8 hour courses provided by the RP in Dutch Harbor to date.

**Spill Trajectory:** There is no change from the last report.

**Wildlife**: Bird capture and recovery will continue to be an objective. Four live birds (two glaucous winged gulls, one long tailed duck and one crested auklet) were brought into Anchorage on December 21, 2004. A total of ten live birds are housed in the International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC) in Anchorage. A grand total of twenty

live oiled birds have been recovered, twenty dead oiled birds have been collected along with the one dead sea-otter and one dead fish at this time during the spill incident. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Research Vessel Tiglax is being prepared and on standby to possibly replace the Exito for bird recovery operations by the USFWS. A fisheries management work group has been tasked to evaluate upcoming fishing season openings based on scientific information regarding the oil characteristics and behavior.

**Staffing**: Six ADEC staff and one contractor are currently in Dutch Harbor, and an additional twenty-five State spill prevention and response members in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau are actively engaged in supporting the response. Numerous members of other state agencies are also involved with this effort including ADNR, ADFG, and the State Attorney General's Office. Several DEC term contractors have also been activated to support the response effort.

**SOURCE CONTROL**: None at this time. Lightering of fuel from the stern section is scheduled to begin approximately the first of the year.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED**: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, sea birds, shellfish and anadromous streams. ADF&G and USFWS are assessing the areas impacted. The protection of cultural resources is a high priority for the Unified Command.

<u>FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</u>: Safety of response personnel remains the highest priority for the Unified Command. Develop lightering plan. Finalize Disposal Plan for stored waste generated. Protection booming of sensitive areas as weather permits. Conduct overflights to track trajectory as weather permits. Conduct wildlife surveys, capture, collection and rehab. Public meetings with community and tribal entities continue to be scheduled.

**WEATHER:** Wednesday: NW wind 45 knots diminishing to NW 35 knots by afternoon. Wednesday night N wind 30 knots, Seas at 22 feet subsiding to 12 feet by night, rain and snow and patchy fog.

#### UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

F.O.S.C. : Tom Harrison, Commander USCG

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