

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 #: 31

SPILL NUMBER: 04259934301

LEDGER CODE: 14142160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The M/V Selendang-Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM, December 8, 2004 on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM December 31, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM January 1, 2005.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The revised estimate of fuel on board the vessel is 424,000 gallons of intermediate fuel oil (IFO 380) and 18,000 gallons of marine diesel oil. The midsection fuel tank ruptured when the vessel broke apart and released an estimated 40,131 gallons of IFO 380. The Unified Command also believes there is a low probability that any substantial amount of fuel remains in the forward centerline IFO fuel tank (original estimated volume was 176,473 gallons). The status of other fuel tanks is unknown at this time. The actual amount of spilled fuel is also 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 ACTIONS: All aircraft operations were cancelled for the day, December 30th, due to fog. If weather permits, an overflight to Unmak Island is re-scheduled to check for any oil contamination that might have been blown to the north or west by the southeasterly winds during the past few days. Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams (SCAT) are scheduled to visit Humpback Bay and Skan Bay. Yesterday 949 more bags of oil and oily debris were recovered, bringing the total to 3,654 bags or about 61 cubic yards were recovered during shoreline cleanup operations.

The C-130 that was scheduled to arrive with dispersant application equipment from the Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc. (CISPRI), was diverted to Cold Bay due to fog. Weather permitting; it will arrive in Dutch Harbor today.

The barge Kashoga with near shore recovery equipment, including two Marco skimmers, arrived in the spill area. The Current Buster is aboard the M/V Western Viking in Dutch Harbor.

Salvage and Lightering Operations:

The lightering equipment scheduled for delivery to the M/V Selendang Ayu yesterday did not arrive due to fog. It has been re-scheduled for today. Once it arrives at the vessel, the equipment must then be rigged and access holes drilled and fittings installed ("Hot Taps") on the tanks in order to begin actual lightering. Forecast bad weather may further delay lightering.

Vessel Status: As of December 25, the bow section of the vessel had sunk and was listing severely, with just the forepeak of the vessel above water. The stern section of the vessel (which was previously listing to one side) has now leveled off, attributable to further hull damage and further settling of the vessel.

Wildlife: 36 bird carcasses were recovered yesterday. Recovered wildlife carcasses include 149 birds and one sea otter. There have been 22 live oiled birds captured. 634 live oiled birds and ten live oiled harbor seals, have been

observed, primarily by US Fish and Wildlife Service Personnel. 6 rehabilitated birds have been released from Whittier by the International Bird Rescue and Research Center.

Commercial Fishery: Effective at 12:01 AM January 1, 2005, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commercial Fisheries Division will close state-waters between Cape Kovrizhka and Spray Cape to all commercial fishing. See the ADEC website for particulars on this closure.

Staffing: Six ADEC staff, two ADEC term contractors, and several other State responders are currently in Dutch Harbor. Additional State spill response staff 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. See Salvage and Lightering Operations paragraph.

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 continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Safety of response personnel remains the highest priority for the Unified Command. Protection of sensitive areas continues to be a major priority as well. Shoreline cleanup and on-water recovery operations are planned, weather permitting. Wildlife surveys, capture, collection and rehabilitation are also continuing as weather permits. The second draft of the winter operations plan is completed and undergoing review. Public meetings are now being held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A water sampling plan is under development to further evaluate water quality and potential fisheries impacts.

WEATHER: Today: Rain likely. Highs in the lower 40s. South wind 20 to 35 mph. Tonight: Rain. Lows in the upper 30s. South wind 30 to 45 mph. New Year 's Day: Rain likely. Highs in the lower 40s. West wind 20 to 30 mph. Saturday night: Rain. Lows in the lower 30s. South wind 30 to 45 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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Photographs, press releases and other spill information are available at: <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/selendang>

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