

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 #: 38

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 January 7, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM January 8, 2005.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Fuel on board the vessel at the time of this incident was 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 status of the centerline IFO fuel tanks #1 and #3 (originally estimated to contain 176,473 gallons and 104,448 gallons respectively) remains 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: Due to bad weather conditions in Dutch Harbor yesterday all fixed wing aircraft and small helos were grounded. Today's activities will include over flights, shoreline assessment/cleanup, vessel-lightering and wildlife recovery operations. Crews continue to maintain boom and adjust cleanup locations to enable recovery of oil where the weather allows for such activity.

On-water Response: As of 1/6/05 there is no change in the status. On 1/3/05 dispersants arrived in Dutch Harbor. The dispersant application plan for airborne and water use has been approved. The barge Kashege with two Marco skimmers and the Current Buster system aboard the Western Viking vessel are on scene ready for deployment.

Shoreline Cleanup: On 1/6/05 shoreline cleanup operations of SKN North 11, SKN South 18 and Humpback Bay 11 and 17 were conducted. Shore crews did not work in SKN 14 due to high wave action. As a result of the cleanup on Humpback Bay 11-17, a total of 608 bags of oily waste were collected. The total of oily solid waste collected is 6,212 oily waste bags/103.5cubic yards.

Salvage and Lightering Operations: On 1/6/05 the salvage team made preparations to pump from the IFO tank #4, on the starboard side of the stern of the vessel. This tank is located below four smaller tanks; three of which have been pumped out. Three portable tanks have been staged aboard the stern of the vessel. The total volume lightered from the vessel to date is 12,081 gallons of IFO and 3,094 gallons of diesel, for a total of 15,175 gallons of IFO/diesel lightered as of close of operations on 1/6/05.

Vessel Status: As of 1/6/05 there is no change in the status. On 1/5/05 the USCG reported that a hole was observed to the starboard bow immediately below the name Selendang Ayu. The stern section remains hard aground and has a 3 degree port side list. The Unified Command is exploring all possible methods to ascertain the condition and contents of #1 and #3 centerline tanks.

Wildlife: On 1/6/05 wildlife recovery operations collected 32 oily bird carcasses. USFWS reported that the total numbers of dead birds recovered were 401. To date, 29 live oiled birds have been captured and sent to be rehabilitated. 10 of these have been released from Whittier by the International Bird Rescue and Research Center (IBRRC). To date 5 sea otter carcasses including two skeletons (cause of deaths unknown) have been recovered. Since there has been no recovery of living oiled birds since 1/1/05, the IBRRC Team is leaving Dutch Harbor.

Commercial Fishery: On 1/6/05 the Unalaska Bay Water Quality Sampling Plan was further implemented for testing seafood by sight, smell and ultra violet rays for the presence of oil, by an ADEC seafood inspector. The seafood inspector did not observe any tainting of oil on the samples. See the Unified Command website for fisheries fact sheets and particulars on the closure of all state waters of the Makushin Bay and Skan Bay areas of the eastern Aleutian District and the Sampling Plan.

Staffing: Seven 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 is 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: On 1/3/05 lightering operations on the starboard side on the stern of the vessel began and are ongoing as weather conditions permit. See Salvage and Lightering Operations paragraph.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, marine 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. A final Waste Management & Disposal Plan is being reviewed for approval by the Unified Command. Winter Operations Plan was finalized and signed by the Unified Command on 1/3/05. Public meetings are now being held in Unalaska on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

WEATHER: Today: Partly cloudy this morning, mostly cloudy in the afternoon, highs near 47, southeast wind 20 to 33 KT, Seas 4-5 feet. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, scattered rain and snow showers in the mountains, lows near 37°, wind chill 28°, southeast wind 20 to 35 KT, and Seas 4-5 feet.

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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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