

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 #: 44

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 13, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM January 14, 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: Today's response activities will include over flights, shoreline assessment/cleanup, vessel lightering, water quality sampling and wildlife recovery operations. The shoreline assessment team will survey areas in Captain Bay and Unalaska Bay. Cleanup teams will be in Portage Bay (PTN 3) and Humpback Bay 11 and 12. The lightering team will continue pumping from the IFO # 4 port tank.

On-water Response: There was no change in the status as of 1/12/05. The barge Kashega with two Marco skimmers and the Current Buster system aboard the Western Viking vessel are on scene ready for deployment.

Shoreline Cleanup: On 1/12/05 shoreline cleanup crews worked in Humpback Bay 11 and 12. No cleanup was conducted in Skan Bay due to poor weather. 280 bags of oily waste (5 cubic yards) were collected as a result of the cleanup on 1/12/05. The total of oily solid waste collected is 13,701 bags (228 cubic yards). The Rapid Assessment Team did not conduct any surveys in the Makushin Bay area due to poor weather. The team responded to a report of tarballs in Captains Bay and found an area about ¼ mile long containing about 20 tarballs ranging in size from 6" to 24" in diameter.

Salvage and Lightering Operations: On 1/12/05 the lightering team did not fly out to the vessel due to weather and there is no activity to report. On 1/11/05 the lightering team removed 7,763 gallons of IFO 380 from the IFO tanks #4 starboard and #4 port from the stern section of the vessel. The IFO tank #4 starboard was initially estimated to hold 29,000 gallons of IFO and is now empty of removable oil. The IFO tank #4 port was initially estimated to hold 56,000 gallons of IFO. The total volume lightered from the vessel to date is 41,531 gallons of IFO and 1,309 gallons of diesel for a total of 42,840 gallons of IFO/diesel.

Vessel Status: There was no change in the status as of 1/12/05. On 1/5/05 the USCG reported that a hole was observed on 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 continues to ascertain the condition and contents of #1 and #3 centerline tanks.

Wildlife: On 1/12/05 there were no reports of additional bird carcasses. On 1/11/05 the USFWS reported that a total of 645 dead birds have been recovered. To date, 29 live oiled birds have been captured and sent for rehabilitation. Previously, the International Bird Rescue and Research Center released 10 of the rehabilitated birds at Whittier. To date, 5 sea otter carcasses including two skeletons (cause of deaths unknown) have been recovered.

Commercial Fishery: On 1/12/05, water quality sampling continued in the Akutan area and Unalaska Bay. One vessel conducted tows in Akutan and did not detect any oil. A second vessel conducted tows in Unalaska Bay and did not detect any oil. The third vessel in Dutch Harbor was outfitted and will conduct water quality sampling today. Seafood processors in Dutch Harbor were notified of the tarballs observed in Captains Bay. The Unified Command provided a vessel transit plan to crab boat captains to minimize the risk of encountering tarballs as they leave Dutch Harbor and Akutan enroute to their fishing grounds in the Bering Sea. Vessels will begin leaving the ports today for the Bering Sea opilio crab fishery which opens on 1/15/05.

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: Eight State staff and seven ADEC term contractors are currently in Dutch Harbor. Additional State spill response staff from ADEC, ADNRR, ADFG and the Attorney General's office outside of Dutch Harbor is actively engaged in supporting the response.

SOURCE CONTROL: On 1/3/05 lightering operations on the starboard side on the stern section 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, wildlife, shoreline cleanup, on-water recovery, and lightering/salvage continue as weather permits. On 1/9/2005 the Planning section started working on the Spring/Summer Operations Plan. Public meetings are held in Unalaska on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

WEATHER: Today: Rain, temperatures low to mid 40s, south wind 20-30 knots, and seas 2-3 feet. Tomorrow: Rain, temperatures low to mid 40s, southeast wind 30-40 knots, seas 5-6 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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