

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 #: 61

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 30, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM January 31, 2005.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The actual amount of fuel spilled is unknown. As of this report the total volume of fuel initially on board the vessel has been revised to 424,866 gallons of intermediate fuel oil (IFO 380) and 21,058 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 tank #1 estimated to contain 176,473 gallons remains unknown. According to a 1/25/05 preliminary tank status report by the lightering team, the centerline IFO fuel tank #3 (estimated to contain 104,443 gallons) was found to be tidally influenced and the contents have spilled.

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 air miles southwest or 50 nautical 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 inclement weather some of the response vessels have been recalled to Dutch Harbor and the ones which are unable to make it are pulling in to other bays for shelter. The vessels are working on maintenance and repair during this time. Today's response activities may be restricted to over flights, vessel lightering, water-quality sampling and wildlife recovery operations. Due to inclement weather shoreline cleanup operations may not be done today. Oil sampling using net tows is scheduled for today in the same areas in Unalaska Bay. Snare-packs will be issued to the Pacific cod catcher boats in the area to detect oil contamination. The Unified Command is developing the IAP for the next operational period 1/31/05 to 2/6/05.

On-water Response: There was no change in the status on 1/29/05. 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 1/29/05 due to bad weather no shoreline cleanup was done. To date, cleanup crews have collected 33,166 bags (552 cubic yards) of oily solid waste. On 1/27/05, oily solid waste was barged out to Seattle for disposal, in 31 roll-off containers weighing 30,000 lbs each. The oily solid waste consists of oiled terrestrial vegetation, wrack, sand & gravel, and driftwood picked up from the shoreline during the cleanup operations in the bays.

Salvage and Lightering Operations: A Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) is being obtained to conduct sub-surface wreck and oiling investigation. There was no lightering done on 1/29/04 due to bad weather. On 1/28/05 the lightering team removed 1,680 gals of IFO from # 4 port tank and sealed the tank. The total volume lightered from the vessel to date is 102,196 gallons of IFO/water and 3,094 gallons of diesel/water for a total of 105,290 gallons of IFO/water/diesel. On 1/28/05 one cube of recovered fuel was transported to Dutch Harbor. On 1/27/05, 4 ISO tanks containing 5,000 gallons each of lightered fuel were barged out to Seattle for disposal.

Vessel Status: There was no change in the status on 1/29/05. 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.

Wildlife: On 1/29/05 the USFWS removed 341 oiled and/or scavenged birds from Makushin Bay (337), Pumicestone Bay (2), and Skan Bay (2). On 1/30/05 the USFWS reported that a total of 1,473 dead birds have been recovered.

Commercial Fishery: On 1/29/05 the oil-detection snare-packs were distributed to the pollock fishing vessels. Today two water quality sampling boats will be towing nets in Unalaska Bay in areas where crab boats are waiting to deliver opilio crab and areas near the processors. The same program will be implemented for the Pacific cod fishery. A new M/V Selendang Ayu Oil Spill Fisheries Water Quality Sampling Plan is being developed for the next phase of the program.

To date, seafood inspections at the Dutch Harbor and Akutan processing plants have found all seafood products free of oil contamination. Inspections are conducted throughout the day and night to check crab and pollock as they arrive at the docks. The Unified Command has implemented an enhanced program to protect seafood quality. Shorelines surveys will continue in Unalaska Bay and Captains Bay for tarballs and tar patties. Water quality sampling vessels are using crab pots and tow nets to detect submerged oil, aerial surveys are checking for floating oil, and additional staff from the ADEC-Environmental Health seafood program are inspecting commercial catches at Dutch Harbor and Akutan processors. Vessels in the pollock and Pacific cod fleet are being issued passive oil contamination detection devices per Fisheries Workgroup guidance. Further details are available at the Unified Command Website link provided at the bottom of this page.

The New Oil Investigation Team (NOIT) remains on stand by to respond to any new oil observed in the Dutch Harbor area.

Staffing: Thirteen State staff and seven ADEC contractors are currently in Dutch Harbor, including eight ADEC seafood inspectors and one DNR staff. Additional State spill response staff from ADEC, ADNR, 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 began on the stern section of the vessel 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. The protection of cultural resources continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Safety of response personnel is the highest priority for the Unified Command. Water quality sampling, shoreline surveys, protection of sensitive areas, wildlife, shoreline cleanup, and lightering/salvage continue as weather permits. Development of the Spring/Summer Operations Plan continues. Continue public meetings in Unalaska on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. On February 1, 2005, the USFWS will be facilitating a community meeting from 7-9 pm at the Museum of the Aleutians in Dutch Harbor, to discuss subsistence and recreational resources at risk.

WEATHER: Today: mostly cloudy, rain and possible snow, NE winds 25 knots, seas 5 feet and high near 42. Monday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain NE winds 25 knots, seas 5-7 feet, high near 39.

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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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