

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: T/V Seabulk Pride Grounding

SITREP #: 7

SPILL NUMBER: 06239903301

LEDGER CODE: 14204860

TIME/DATE OF GROUNDING: The T/V Seabulk Pride went aground at 5:25 AM on February 2, 2006. The Alaska State Troopers reported the grounding to ADEC at 6:20 AM on February 2, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM, on February 3, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants

TYPE/AMOUNT OF SPILL: Tesoro Alaska reported that approximately 75 gallons of petroleum product was spilled to water. An additional 125 gallons of product was spilled and contained on the vessel. The vessel was transferring both gasoline and Vacuum Tower Bottom Blend (VTBB) at the same time so the exact volume of each product has not been determined. The Seabulk Pride is a 600 ft, double-hulled and double-bottomed oil tanker utilized by Tesoro Alaska Company to transport oil. At the time of the grounding, the tanker was carrying 3,987,942 gallons (94,951 barrels) of VTBB. VTBB is a residual oil product that is not processed at the Tesoro Refinery in Nikiski. VTBB has a thick consistency, similar to asphalt.

The Seabulk Pride is also carrying 224,532 gallons (5,346 barrels) of Bunker Oil, 47,670 gallons (1,135 barrels) of gasoline, 520,800 gallons (12,400 barrels) of Heavy Vacuum Gasoline Oil (HVGO) and 100,506 gallons (2,393 barrels) of Diesel Fuel 2.

LOCATION: The tanker grounded approximately 200 yards north of the Nikiski Kenai Pipeline (KPL) dock at position 60°41.46"; 151°24.191". Nikiski is located on the Kenai Peninsula, 9 miles north of the City of Kenai.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The tanker was moored at the KPL dock transferring cargo and was struck by an ice flow. The mooring lines parted causing the vessel to drift northward and go aground approximately 200 yards north of the KPL dock.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Tesoro Alaska Company

RESPONSE ACTION: At the time of this report, the T/V Seabulk Pride is between Ninilchik and Anchor Point. The response tugs managed to free the vessel off the beach at 8:34 AM this morning and at 8:40 AM the vessel was making way on its own power. The Unified Command is executing the transit plan to escort and relocate the vessel to Kachemak Bay. Unified Command staff has verbal concurrence from the resource agencies to use Kachemak Bay as the safe location. Inspection, repairs and cleanup of the KPL dock are underway.

Six support vessels (Tug Champion, M/V Monarch, M/V Seabulk Nevada, Tug Pacific Challenger, Tug Glacier Wind and Tug Stellar Wind) are escorting the vessel on its transit to Kachemak Bay. There have been no signs of any fuel leakage during the transit. Tests of the vessel's integrity continue as it transits south. Three ballast tanks (2P, 4S, and 5P) have shown an increase in water during the transit and an investigation is underway to determine the cause.

Plans are for the Tug Sea Voyager to relieve the Tug Pacific Challenger sometime later today. Once the vessel is anchored in the safe location, the M/V Monarch will stand down and the Tugs Glacier Wind and Stellar Wind will be released to return to Anchorage. The vessel will undergo a complete check for integrity while at anchor. The helicopter has been released, and the M/V Bulwark with the SERVS 450-3 barge is enroute to Kachemak Bay.

SOURCE CONTROL: All valves associated with the cargo transfer were closed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters and shores of Cook Inlet.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Unified Command will continue monitoring the transit during the escort and relocation of the vessel to Kachemak Bay and damage surveys are in progress.

WEATHER: The weather is expected to be mostly sunny, lows 5°F to 15°F below, winds light.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Shawn Brown (Tesoro Alaska Company)
 F.O.S.C. : Capt. Devries (USCG)
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)
 Field S.O.S.C.: Randy Dowd (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: A press conference was held at 10:30 AM today, February 3, 2006 at the Joint Information Center (JIC) at the CISPRI Command Center.

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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