

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: *M/V Cougar Ace*

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: Not assigned - Potential Spill

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The *M/V Cougar Ace* has been adrift since approximately 1:00 AM, July 24, 2006, when the ship attempted to adjust ballast and heeled over onto its port side. The vessels status was reported to ADEC 8:00 AM, July 24, 2006 by USCG.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM July 28, 2006. The drift pattern of the vessel is carrying it in a northern direction towards the Aleutian Islands and state waters. This and subsequent situation reports are being distributed to disseminate information on the vessel's status.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: A small sheen of unknown substance has been seen emanating from the vessel since it listed. The vessel is carrying a reported 420 metric tons of IFO 380 and 112 metric tons of diesel. The vessel is reported to be carrying approximately 4813 vehicles as cargo.

LOCATION: The vessel position as of 8:00AM, July 28, 2006 was 49° 51.1 N, 173° 07.1 W. The vessel has been drifting in a northern direction (Set 032°T @ 1.5 kts) and is approximately 130 miles south of the Aleutian island of Amlia.

CAUSE OF SPILL: This is a potential spill only. All efforts are being made to salvage the vessel prior to further incident.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Mitsui OSK Lines, Tokyo, Japan.

RESPONSE ACTIONS:

On July 24, 2006, the U.S. Coast Guard conducted an overflight of the vessel and observed that it was listing to port at nearly 80 degrees. The crew was gathered on the main deck in survival suits. U.S. Coast Guard and Alaska Air National Guard helicopters safely rescued the 23 crew members from the vessel and transported them to Adak on July 25, 2006.

On July 25, 2006, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Rush arrived on scene and has been shadowing the vessel. Efforts are being initiated to salvage the stricken vessel and management of these efforts are being coordinated out of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Anchorage office.

Strong southwesterly winds have pushed the vessel in a northern direction towards the Aleutian Islands. As a contingency, the PRP has activated the O'Brien's Group as part of a spill Incident Management Team in the event a spill occurs.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: No oiled wildlife has been observed. Marine waters.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: U.S. Coast Guard vessel Morgenthau and the Magone vessel *Makushin Bay* are departing Dutch Harbor today with the owner's Titan Salvage representatives. The vessels are scheduled to arrive on location at 5:00AM, Saturday July 29, 2006 to assess the situation. In addition, the tug Emma Foss has departed Adak and will also be on location on Saturday, July 29, 2006. A Crowley tug, Sea Victory, is en

route from Seattle and expects to be on scene Sunday, July 30, 2006. Salvage pumps and other equipment are being transported to Dutch Harbor for the salvage operations.

WEATHER: Weather for Friday, July 28, 2006: Cloudy with patchy fog, highs in the mid 50s, Southwest winds to 25 mph and seas to 9'.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

F.O.S.C: Capt. Mark DeVries USCG
 S.O.S.C: Gary Folley, ADEC
 R.P.I.C: Theo Camlin, The O'Briens Group.

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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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