

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Exodus Explorer

SITREP #: 2

SPILL NUMBER: 07259907701

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 2:02 AM on March 18, 2007. The USCG reported the spill to ADEC at 5:32 AM on March 18, 2007.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on March 21, 2007.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The quantity of fuel released is unknown. The vessel operator reported to the Coast Guard (USCG) that the vessel was carrying 2500-3000 gallons of diesel fuel. The vessel was also carrying 35,000 pounds of cod.

LOCATION: Gannet Rocks in Kuluk Bay near Adak, 51.8721°N, 176.6183°W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel ran aground on Gannet Rocks.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): B & N Fisheries. Captain Dan Carney

RESPONSE ACTION: The vessel owner has prepared a salvage plan for both the USCG and ADEC review and approval. The plan includes a salvage team to assess lightering the vessel's fuel tanks located in the bow section, re-floating the vessel and scuttling (site to be determined). A comprehensive inventory of spill equipment available near the site will be utilized to minimize potential pollution releases from the vessel.

The following representatives are due to be on-scene tomorrow: the PRP, PRP insurance representative, PRP's Environmental Consultant, PRP Salvage Team, USCG and ADEC responders.

Seafood waste from a nearby seafood processing plant has the potential for attracting wildlife such as birds, otters and seals into potentially contaminated waters. The ADEC Water Quality Division has been coordinating with the seafood plant and their National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to mitigate the situation.

Other than the initial reporting of oil sheen during the grounding, no further oil sheen observations have been reported to ADEC.

SOURCE CONTROL: None

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters of Kuluk Bay due to sheen observed. No oiled wildlife have been reported.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The USCG will conduct an investigation into the cause of the vessel sinking. USCG and ADEC are due to be on-scene tomorrow with PRP, PRP representatives and salvage team.

WEATHER: NE winds 20 knots, seas 12 feet with snow showers. Tonight and Thursday: NE winds 25 knots, seas 10 feet with snow showers.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Capt. Dan Carney- (PRP)
 F.O.S.C. : Capt. DeVries – (USCG)
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley – (ADEC)
 Field S.O.S.C.: Eric Henry – (ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Wesser at (907) 269-3062 or email at Frank.Wesser@dec.state.ak.us

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, ADF&G, ADNRR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
USCG Sector Anchorage	U.S. Coast Guard Sector Anchorage, Response Incident Management Division	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
USEPA	Matt Carr	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
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DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
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Aleut Regional Native Corporation/Anc office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
Adak Port of Operations	Port Director	Fax		592-0185	592-0184
City of Adak		Fax		592-4513	592-4262
Native Village of Atka		Fax		839-2229	839-2269
Aleut Regional Native Corporation/Anc office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
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Photo of Vessel Grounding between beach and Gannett Rocks (photo provided by USFWS)

