

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Mar-Gun Grounding St. George Island

SITREP #: 3

SPILL NUMBER: 09259906401

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The US Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Anchorage notified ADEC at 6:15 AM on March 5, 2009 that the F/V Mar-Gun had run aground with five (5) people on board and was taking on water. The F/V Mar-Gun is a 112-foot trawl vessel.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on March 9, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on March 10, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An unknown amount of diesel fuel has been released. The vessel owner and crew informed the USCG that there were approximately 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel, and approximately 600 gallons of lube and hydraulic oil on board.

LOCATION: North shoreline of St. George Island, at approximately Latitude 56° 36' N, Longitude 169° 36' W. St. George Island is one of the Pribilof Islands located in the Bering Sea approximately 250 miles northwest of Unalaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the grounding is being investigated by the USCG.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Margun Enterprises, LLC.

RESPONSE ACTION: A break in the weather on Sunday allowed for transfer of 2,313 gallons of diesel from a port tank to a mobile tank on shore using portable pumps and hoses. Fuel is being pumped to shore through 300 feet of hose and then a second pump on shore pushes the fuel up the hill through another 500 feet of hose to a 3,000-gallon tank on a truck. The truck then travels to town where the fuel is then transferred to the M/V Makushin Bay which is moored in the harbor. This process will be repeated until all the fuel is removed from the vessel. The unpredictable and short weather windows have been the largest impediment to operations at this point.

SOURCE CONTROL: Prior to leaving the vessel, the crew began the process to transfer diesel fuel from the #2 port wing tank to the #2 starboard wing tank. Subsequent to her abandonment, the vessel's generator ran out of fuel and it is believed that fuel oil gravitated from the starboard tank back to the port side tanks. Attempts to gauge the tanks have been hampered by severe weather and sea conditions and actual quantities are unknown. It has been confirmed that the puncture on the #3 port wing tank is the likely source of pollution noted last week. No sighting of oil pollution has been observed since last Thursday.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time. A Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) team has been making daily searches of the shore line and sensitive areas. They have not encountered any signs of impact from this event.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue vessel assessment. Continue lightering of fuel as conditions allow. Develop plans to remove the vessel from this location once contaminants have been removed. Develop plans for conducting subsistence sampling of the area.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers, temperatures in the mid 30s. South wind 25 – 35 MPH.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Haresh Gidwani (PRP)
 F.O.S.C. : CDR Joseph LoSciuto (USCG)
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)
 L.O.S.C. : Maxim Malavansky Jr. (St. George Traditional Council)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Folley, ADEC, 262-5210 ext 234

A Unified Command Web site has been established at
http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/response/sum_fy09/090305201/090305201_index.htm

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, Senator Begich's office, ADF&G, ADNR, 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
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via	Session/Interim	Telephone	Facsimile
DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Shirley Marquardt	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
Aleut Regional Native Corporation/ANC office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
City of St George		Fax		859-2205	859-2242
Senate S/Bethel	Lyman Hoffman	Fax	Bethel/Juneau	465-4453	465-4523
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Hose from vessel to shore



Hose running up to tank