

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 #: 5

SPILL NUMBER: 09259906401

LEDGER CODE: 14251760

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 11, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on March 12, 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: Pumping continued Tuesday with an additional 4,703 gallons of fuel transferred from the vessel to the F/V Makushin Bay in the harbor. This brings the total fuel transferred as of yesterday to 10,483 gallons. Pumping is complete on the starboard double-bottom tanks fore and aft. Pumping operations will continue today and a plan is being developed to consolidate all remaining fuel from the various tanks to facilitate removal. Additional salvage gear was delivered to the vessel on Tuesday to help in assessment and operations. Dan Magone and the vessel captain and engineer are assessing methods for determining contents of the holed port double-bottom tank and removal of those contents which may have water contamination. They are also looking at ways to patch the damaged hull. Water is being pumped from the engine room to support the lightering operations and additionally there is on-going planning for the transfer of heavier lube oils from the vessel once the diesel has been removed. Currently, approximately 20 federal, state and local responders are on site.

SOURCE CONTROL: Fuel is being removed as quickly as possible from the vessel. Some Hazmat, in the form of paint cans, was removed from the vessel yesterday. Lube and hydraulic oils are contained and will be removed as soon as possible. A small (1.5 gallon) on-shore leak from a hose along the road occurred yesterday which was quickly discovered, stopped and the spill impacted area cleaned. The flex hose being used was replaced with arctic grade hose before pumping resumed.

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 shoreline and sensitive areas. They have not encountered any signs of impact from this event on the shoreline.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue vessel assessment. Continue lightering of fuel. A draft plan for removal of the vessel is expected today. A draft plan from Polaris Applied Sciences for conducting subsistence sampling of the area is expected tomorrow. This sampling would take place after the lightering operations are complete and the vessel has been removed.

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers, temperatures in the lower 30s. South wind 10 - 25 MPH.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Charles Ellwanger (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, 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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Containment around peristaltic pump on shore.



Clean-up of small spill from pinhole leak in hose.