

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 #:10

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: 12:00 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on Friday, March 20, 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 oils on board. The actual amounts on board will be determined by lightered volumes.

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: Weather continues to be a factor in this response. A team was able to access the vessel at low tide on Tuesday and final consolidation of fluids on the vessel was completed. An estimated 2,600 gallons of mixed product is stored in the #3 starboard wing tank. An additional 3 gallons of antifreeze was delivered to the vessel on Wednesday and added to the generator. The generator was again started and continues to run well. No additional fluids have been pumped to shore. 4 bags of oiled sorbents were removed from the vessel and placed in storage for eventual burning. An estimated 22 bags of waste are awaiting reactivation of the burner for this disposal. An estimated 3 days of burning will be needed for disposal of the remaining materials. A check of lines to the vessel on Wednesday evening revealed that one of the double braided lines had parted. This is one of the lines to which the remaining hose is secured. Today's operations include the securing the ends of the remaining hose, retrieving it from the vessel and bringing it to shore. A new plan for removal of the remaining fluids has been submitted and is pending approval from the Unified Command. The M/V Western Viking, carrying additional salvage gear, is estimated to arrive back at St. George around 2:00 PM today.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: A new plan for lightering the remaining fluids has been submitted to the Unified Command for approval. This plan would now include using a peristaltic pump positioned on-board to transfer the remaining fluids to 55 gallon drums. These secured drums would then be lifted off the vessel by helicopter slings and carried to a heliport where the drums would be lowered into a 50 foot by 50 foot lined containment area. Additional empty drums would then be ferried back to the vessel to continue the process until all the remaining fluids are removed. It is estimated that approximately 20 round trips would be needed to complete this transfer. The helicopter would also be used to recover the remaining hose, which would have been pulled to shore, and transfer it to the containment area for demobilization. The helicopter that would be used for this operation is currently in Dutch Harbor.

WEATHER: Partly to mostly cloudy with highs around 20. Northwest winds 15 to 30 MPH. Continued cold temperatures and north winds are driving the sea ice in the Bering Sea towards St. George Island. It is expected that the leading edge of this ice will arrive at St George Island this weekend.

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 : Chris Mercurief (St. George Traditional Council)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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A Unified Command Web site has been established at
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/mar-gun>

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.

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