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### NEWS RELEASE

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Regarding: Gore Point Spill Clean Up Efforts

- Today at 6 a.m., a high-speed vessel collided with the Seabulk Arctic, an oil tanker that had just been loaded with crude oil from the Alyeska Terminal in Prince William Sound, located in Valdez, Alaska.
- The vessel, carrying Alaskan North Slope crude oil, was headed for the Kenai Pipe Line Company Dock in Nikiski, Alaska. At the time of the collision, the tanker was near Port Dick.
- There have been no reported injuries or fatalities to personnel on the Seabulk Arctic. There are no survivors of the high-speed vessel.
- The total amount of crude oil loaded on the vessel was 318,616 barrels or 13,381,872 gallons. Two of the cargo tanks were compromised by the collision. The total potential release to the environment from these two tanks is 36,134 barrels or 1,517,628 gallons of Alaskan North Slope crude oil.
- The vessel is in a stable position and listing 5 degrees starboard. It is about nine miles south of Gore Point. Efforts to contain and clean up the oil are currently under way.

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- A command center composed of representatives from Tesoro Alaska Company, the U.S. Coast Guard and the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, has been formed to clean up the oil as quickly and safely as possible.
- Response teams have also been mobilized in the field. CISPRI's oil spill response vessel, the Perseverance, is enroute to the scene.
- A joint information center (JIC), consisting of representatives from Tesoro Alaska Company, U.S. Coast Guard and the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, has been formed to provide updates of the response efforts to the media. The JIC phone number is (808) 776-7402.
- Updates on the incident and fact sheets on Alaskan North Slope will be posted on the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Web site at [www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp)

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