

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

SITUATION REPORT
As of 10:00 AM on May 4, 2010

INCIDENT NAME: Princess Kathleen

SITREP #: 18

SPILL NUMBER: 10119904701

LEDGER CODE: 14284160

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The S/S *Princess Kathleen* grounded and sank off Point Lena on September 7, 1952.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on May 4, 2010

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on May 7, 2010

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The total volume of number 6 bunker oil onboard the vessel at the time of sinking is unknown. The volume of bunker oil identified in 10 of the ship's tanks is estimated to be between 14,000 and 34,000 gallons. Four additional tanks remain to be surveyed. The volume of other oils that remain on the ship is currently unknown.

LOCATION: Point Lena, Favorite Channel, north of Juneau, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel grounded on Point Lena and suffered damage to the forward-most section of the bow. As the tide came in, the vessel flooded from the stern and slid off the point. The vessel now sits at an angle on its port side at a depth ranging from 52 feet at the bow to 134 feet at the stern. Recent increases in the frequency of sheen being reported in the area were investigated and traced to the *Princess Kathleen*, possibly indicating a change in the vessel's condition.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Undetermined

RESPONSE ACTION: Global Diving and Salvage (Global) completed fuel removal operations in the number 2 starboard wing tank. The total current volume of oil recovered from the tanks onboard the *Princess Kathleen* is approximately 16,300 gallons.

Hydrogen sulfide levels in the number 3 starboard wing tank have temporarily halted fuel removal operations. The flammable chemical needs to be neutralized prior to pumping the fuel into the barge onsite. The compound Petro Sweet will be added to the fuel to neutralize the hydrogen sulfide. Crews are implementing a strict air monitoring program on site to ensure the safety of work crews. Three crew members were taken to the hospital on Saturday as a precautionary measure after exposure to the hydrogen sulfide. All three were released from the hospital on the same day.

Pumping operations are expected to commence on the number 3 wing tank Thursday.

Meanwhile divers are removing silt to access to the port wing tanks. The four port wing tanks are the only fuel tanks on the *Princess Kathleen* not yet surveyed for fuel oil. After the silt is removed divers will install landing plates for the pumping process and determine the fuel level within the tanks.

Active booming operations are ongoing to contain the sheen produced by the *Princess Kathleen*.

SOURCE CONTROL: Global has installed temporary patches over the exposed starboard portholes to prevent oil trapped within the vessel from escaping. Global has plugged fuel tank vent pipes to prevent the loss of bunker oil during fuel removal operations. Crews have removed more than 16,000 gallons of fuel from the vessel to date.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Shoreline cleanup assessment teams (SCAT) are conducting surveys to monitor impacts to sensitive areas. A few small quarter-size patches of oil have been found on shorelines near the fuel pumping operations. The oil is tar-like and very weathered, which suggest that it has been on the shore for a number of months or longer. SCAT will be monitoring the shoreline to determine if any additional impacts are occurring during the fuel removal and cleanup operations.

SEAPRO has begun conducting active bird hazing in the area as a preventative measure. The Unified Command and NOAA have developed a communication plan for when marine mammals are observed in the vicinity. The *Princess Kathleen* is of historic significance and is listed as a historic shipwreck by the State of Alaska Office of History and Archeology.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Work to provide access to the port wing tanks will continue. Fuel pumping operations will continue, moving from one fuel tank to the next.

WEATHER: Today: North winds 10 knots in the morning becoming light, seas 2 feet or less. Tomorrow: North winds 10 knots, seas 2 feet or less.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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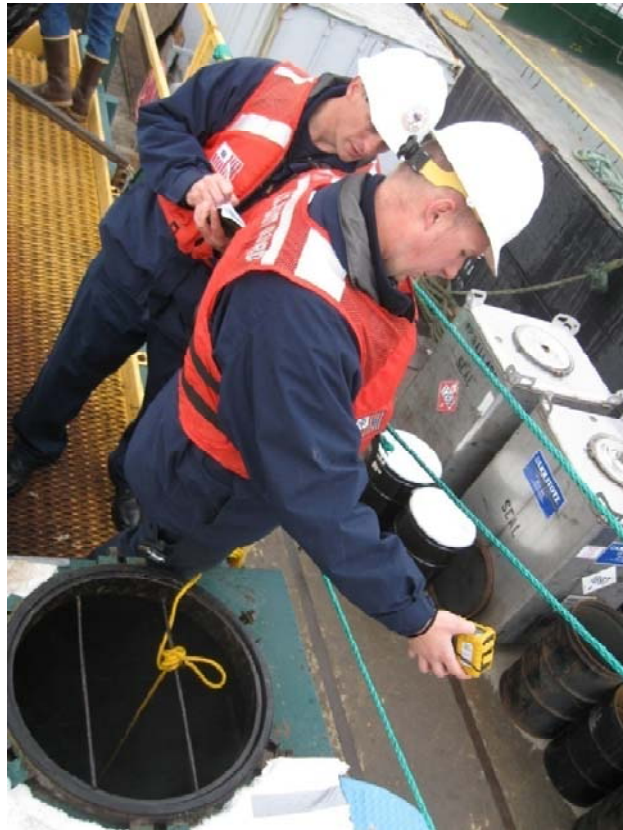
Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing on the Unified Command website: www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/princesskathleen

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USCG monitors air quality onsite. Photo by ADEC.