



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

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T/V *Silver Bay II* Sinking

SITREP #: 2

SPILL #: 14119901401

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. January 17, 2014

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Silver Bay Logging (Silver Bay)

INCIDENT LOCATION: Silver Bay Logging facility dock along Zimovia Strait, approximately 5 miles south of Wrangell.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Unknown.

HOW/WHEN SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: The incident was discovered at 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2014 during a check of the dock and boats by Silver Bay employees. The employees reported the sinking and subsequent spill to the National Response Center (NRC). The NRC forwarded the spill report to ADEC at 3:56 p.m. on the same day.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: A Silver Bay representative reported that the 60-foot tug had been tied to the dock for the past five years and diesel fuel had been removed intermittently from the tug during this time. The Silver Bay representative estimated that the vessel contained 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel at the time of sinking. The amount spilled is unknown.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The tug sank in approximately 120-feet of water. The cause of the sinking is unknown at this time and will be investigated by the Coast Guard.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESPONSE ACTION: On-scene responders have deployed additional containment boom and absorbents in the area of the sinking. The boom placement encompasses most of the Silver Bay Logging facility and the adjacent shoreline where sheen and oil is accumulating. Responders are continuing free product recovery using sorbent materials. The boom is successfully containing the sheen.

The Ketchikan-based diving and salvage firm contracted by Silver Bay departed Ketchikan at 7 a.m. today and are expected to arrive in Wrangell later this evening. Upon arrival, the divers plan to secure the tank vents aboard the sunken tug and will conduct a salvage assessment.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife or subsistence resources. A joint ADEC, Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Coast Guard shoreline cleanup assessment team surveyed Institute Beach just north of the Silver Bay Logging facility and reported light sheen on Thursday. By Friday morning, the sheen had dissipated.



ADEC recommends against personal use and subsistence harvesting because of the threat of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP). Also, shellfish in the area may have been impacted by the recent spill. To avoid any potential health risk, harvesting and consumption of shellfish should be avoided where oil and/or sheens can be seen or smelled on the beach or water. The Department of Health and Social Services and ADEC recommend against harvesting shellfish near Institute Creek at this time.

Report any instances of seafood and/or beaches with evidence of petroleum impacts to ADEC at (907) 465-5340.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Today, the response crews will continue free product recovery tactics and continue monitoring the beaches and shorelines for impacts. The salvage contractor will develop a salvage plan once the vessel assessment is complete. The plan will be submitted to ADEC and Coast Guard for review prior to commencing any salvage operation. ADEC will continue to monitor the response actions, address stakeholder concerns, and review cleanup, waste management, salvage and transit plans in close coordination with Coast Guard and other state and federal partner agencies and local stakeholders.

WEATHER: Today: East-southeast wind 15-20 knots; gust to 25 knots; seas 7 feet. Tonight: Increasing clouds; rain likely after midnight; southeast wind 15 knots diminishing to 10 knots; gusts to 20-25 knots; seas 7 feet. Saturday: Southeast wind 10 knots; gusts to 15 knots; seas 5 feet subsiding to 3 feet in the afternoon.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

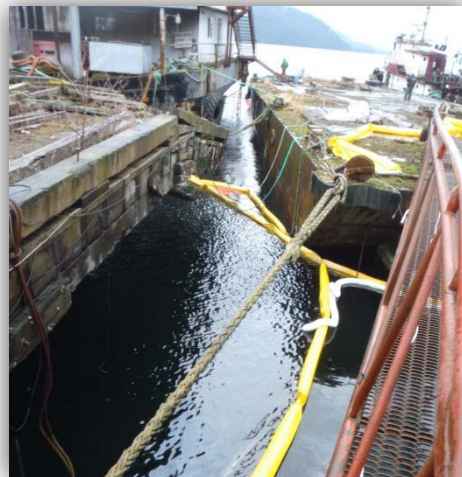
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Moore, State On-Scene Coordinator, ADEC (907) 465-5239
http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sr_active.htm



Additional boom deployed, January 16, 2014. (Photo/ADEC)



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