



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

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F/V Eyak Grounding

SITREP #3 and final

SPILL #: 15-11-99-019-01

TIME/DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: 2:00 p.m. January 30, 2015

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): M/V Eyak, LLC

INCIDENT LOCATION: Near Calligan Island in southern Sitka Sound approximately 15 miles SSW from Sitka.

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 4:00 p.m. January 27, 2015

HOW AND WHEN THE SPILL WAS DISCOVERED: The F/V *Eyak* grounded and sank early on the morning of January 19, 2015. The vessel owner reported the incident to the Department on January 19 at 10:57 a.m.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An estimated 15-20 gallons of product was released from the F/V *Eyak* during salvage operations on January 29. Sorbent lined containment boom configured down current from salvage operations captured most of the sheen. The current carried the remainder of the sheen away from the coastline. Additionally, a small sheen was observed inside the containment boom around the F/V *Eyak* after it was repositioned on January 27. According to the vessel owner, there are approximately 700 gallons of diesel and gasoline onboard and an unknown quantity of hydraulic oil.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the grounding is currently unknown and is being investigated by the USCG.

SOURCE CONTROL: Two of the four fuel tank vents were capped by the vessel owner before it sank. The remaining two vents were secured by divers before salvage operations commenced on January 28. Source control was achieved on January 30 when 1,110 gallons of fuel-water mixture was removed from the vessel's tanks.

RESPONSE ACTION: Bad weather immediately following the grounding hampered initial response and salvage operations. The vessel owner and his insurance companies hired Southeast Alaska Lighterage (SEAL) as Salvage Master and Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization (SEAPRO) to respond to the pollution threat. Daily overflights since the grounding have shown the vessel has not moved and no evidence of pollution was reported until sheen was noted while the vessel was being moved. On January 25, SEAPRO deployed 500 feet of exclusion boom to protect Crane Cove, an environmentally sensitive area near the vessel.

The salvage crew completed temporary repairs to the hull on January 28. On January 29 the vessel was righted, floated and dewatered. SEAPRO maintained boom in a U-configuration down current from the F/V *Eyak* as a precautionary measure. Once the F/V *Eyak* was floating fuel was pumped from the tanks. 1,110 gallons of a



fuel-water mixture was removed from the vessel. The F/V *Eyak* is in transit to Sitka and is expected to arrive today.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: ADEC, USCG, SEAPRO and responsible party representatives are conducting a beach survey today to confirm that there was no shoreline impact. We have received no reports of impacted wildlife or resources.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The F/V *Eyak* will remain in Sitka until arrangements are made for permanent repairs to be conducted in Wrangell.

WEATHER: Today: Mostly sunny; high 40s°F; northeast wind 5 to 10kts.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander:	David Castle
SOSC:	Sarah Moore, ADEC
FOSCr:	CWO Mike Wortman, USCG MSD Sitka
Field SOSC:	Bob Mattson, ADEC

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT DISTRIBUTION: This is the final situation report for this incident.



F/V *Eyak*, with temporary repairs, undertow back to Sitka on January 30. (Photo/ADEC)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Moore, ADEC State On-Scene Coordinator, at (907) 465-5239

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/perp/response/sum_fy15/150119101/150119101_index.htm

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