



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



T/V *Renda* Nome Fuel Delivery

SITREP # 3

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 5:00 PM on January 13, 2012

BACKGROUND: The T/V *Renda* will deliver gasoline and diesel fuel to Nome, Alaska. Due to ice conditions, this delivery will be made under heightened alert.

The Bonanza Fuel, Inc. facility in Nome had been scheduled to receive a fuel delivery from Delta Western, Inc. during fall 2011 from a barge operating in open water. A severe storm on November 8-11, 2011 and subsequent sea ice conditions ended fuel barge operations in the area for the season before the delivery could be made. Rather than waiting until the next season, Bonanza Fuel initiated efforts for a winter delivery of fuel by contracting Vitus Marine LLC, holder of an approved state Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (ODPCP), to arrange a fuel delivery for late December or early January. Vitus Marine chartered the tank vessel (T/V) *Renda*, a double-hulled, ice-strengthened Russian tanker, to deliver approximately 1 million gallons of diesel fuel and 400,000 gallons of gasoline. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) was asked to make the cutter *Healy* available to break ice for the T/V *Renda*. Because the T/V *Renda* took on part of the fuel cargo in Dutch Harbor, a waiver to the Jones Act, which bans transport of cargo between U.S. ports by foreign-flagged vessels, was required. The Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano granted the waiver on December 30, 2011. Additional requirements for the voyage included the T/V *Renda's* successful completion of a USCG Port State Control examination, which she passed while moored in Dutch Harbor on January 2. Also, ADEC required that the ODPCP be amended to include information specific to the T/V *Renda* and to cover ice operations. To allow the delivery to be completed before the USCG cutter (CGC) *Healy* returns to her home port, the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) modified the public comment period for the ODPCP amendment from 30 days to 7 days. After review of the application and public comments, ADEC approved the ODPCP on January 5.

VESSEL INFORMATION:

- T/V *Renda* is a 370-foot, double-hulled, Russian-registered vessel with an ice classification of UL 1 (equivalent to the Baltic Ice Class 1A).
- CGC *Healy* is a 420-foot ice breaker class boat with the capability of passing through 4.5 feet of ice at 4 knots and the ability to break through 8 feet of ice by backing and ramming.

CURRENT LOCATION: The T/V *Renda*, with assistance from the CGC *Healy*, has reached within 10 nautical miles of Nome.

SITUATION UPDATE: At this time, the *Renda* is staying offshore while the *Healy* is making runs to test the ice and determine the best place for the *Renda* to moor for the fuel transfer.

The tanker will be secure to shorefast ice, and a 4-inch hose will be run from the tanker to the onshore marine header for fuel transfer.

Once the hose is attached and verified to be ready, the fuel will be off-loaded from the *Renda* to the Bonanza Fuel tank farm. It will take approximately 36 to 42 hours to unload the fuel from the tanker. After all the fuel has been offloaded, the *Renda* will depart Nome with the help of the *Healy*.

ADEC and USCG representatives are in Nome to oversee the fuel transfer.

WEATHER: The temperature in Nome is -28 °F. The forecast for tomorrow is 0 °F with east winds at 10 mph.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 5:00 PM on January 14, 2012

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