



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



T/V *Renda* Nome Fuel Delivery

SITREP # 10

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 PM on January 20, 2012

BACKGROUND: The T/V *Renda* is delivering gasoline and diesel fuel to Nome, Alaska. Due to ice conditions, this is being done under heightened alert conditions.

A scheduled fall delivery of fuel by Delta Western, Inc. to Bonanza Fuel, Inc. in the community of Nome was missed. The delivery was planned to be by a fuel barge operating in open water. Conditions made delivery more difficult going into late fall. A severe storm on November 8-11, 2011 followed soon by sea and shore ice conditions prevented further use of fuel barges in the area until next open water season. Rather than waiting until the next season, Bonanza Fuel initiated efforts for a winter delivery of fuel by contracting with Vitus Marine LLC ("Vitus Marine") to secure a spot charter for delivery of diesel and gasoline in the late December or early January timeframe. Vitus Marine contracted for the tank vessel (T/V) *Renda*, a Russian ice-strengthened tanker, to make a delivery through ice of approximately one 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*.

VESSEL INFORMATION:

- T/V *Renda* is a 370-foot, Russian-registered vessel with an ice classification of UL 1 (equivalent to the Baltic Ice Class 1A).
- U.S. Coast Guard Cutter (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.

SITUATION UPDATE: The fuel transfer was successfully completed at 5:48 AM Thursday morning. The lines were pigged (a mobile plug is passed through a line) to remove any remaining diesel fuel, then rolled and returned to the T/V *Renda*. Rolling the line took much longer than anticipated today. The CGC *Healy* started to break the ice around *Renda* to depart Nome within the last couple of hours.

USCG representatives remain in Nome to oversee the final vessel departure.

WEATHER: Tonight, clear; lows around 5 °F; and north winds 15 to 25 mph.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: The final situation report will be distributed when *Healy* and *Renda* have finally departed Nome.

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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/rendera/>

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