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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME:  M/V Selendang Ayu

SPILL NUMBER: 04259934301

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The M/V Selendang-Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM, December 8, on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM December 19, 2004.


TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: IFO 380 and/or diesel fuel. As of 12/13, the revised estimates of original amounts of fuel on board the vessel are 424,000 gallons of IFO 380 (Intermediate Fuel Oil) and 18,000 gallons of diesel. A fuel tank holding an estimated 40,131 gallons of fuel ruptured when the vessel broke apart. Other tanks are believed to be leaking. Actual amount of spilled fuel is unknown.

LOCATION: The vessel’s position is at 53° 38’ 04” N, 167° 07’ 30” W on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape. This site is approximately 25 miles in a direct line or 50 sea miles from Dutch Harbor.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The Coast Guard reported at 7:14 PM, December 8, 2004 that the vessel had broken in half.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ayu Navigation Snd, Bhd, Port Klang, Malaysia. The operator is IMC Shipping.

RESPONSE ACTION: As of 10:00 AM December 20, 2004:

Ship Status: Due to weather conditions, no overflights were conducted yesterday to assess ship status. Today, a helicopter will be used to lower the salvage team onto the stern portion of the vessel. A Coast Guard helicopter will be standing by during hoist operations.

Spill Response: Air operations are scheduled today to attempt to further assess shoreline impacts, observe free oil on open water, and determine wildlife impacts. A C-130 is shuttling resources and skimming equipment on a daily basis between Dutch Harbor and Seattle.

Vessel operations continue with sensitive area booming, resupply of response vessels, wildlife recovery/assessment, and shoreline oil recovery.

Shoreline cleanup was conducted during calmer weather yesterday in three segments of Makushin Bay. Thirty-six additional bags of oily waste were generated yesterday, for a total of seventy-seven bags of oily waste generated thus far for this cleanup operation.

The Unified Command is considering having all vessels return to Dutch Harbor for several days because of the forecasted Hurricane force winds, and to provide an opportunity to replenish supplies and crew rest.

Spill Trajectory: No change from last report. A flyover is scheduled today to observe status of free oil, shoreline and wildlife impacts.

Wildlife: Bird capture and recovery will continue to be an objective. A total of fifteen live oiled birds have been recovered, ten dead oiled birds have been collected along with the one dead sea otter at this time. Field biologists have observed hundreds of impacted birds in Skan Bay, and will attempt capture if weather conditions allow.
Staffing: Six ADEC staff and one contractor are currently in Dutch Harbor, and an additional twenty-five State spill prevention and response members in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau are actively engaged in supporting the response. Numerous members of other state agencies are also involved with this effort including ADNR, ADFG, and the State Attorney General’s Office. Several DEC term contractors have also been activated to support the response effort.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time. Lightering of fuel from the stern section is scheduled to begin approximately December 29th.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, sea birds, shellfish and anadromous streams. ADF&G and USF&WS are assessing the areas impacted. The protection of cultural resources is a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Develop lightering plan. Waste handling, shoreline cleanup and sampling plans are completed. Protection boom of sensitive areas as weather permits. Conduct overflights to track trajectory as weather permits. Conduct wildlife surveys, capture, collection and rehab.

WEATHER: NE winds at 4-8 knots, seas 4 feet. Broken ceiling. Storm Warning for Sunday night: ENE storm force winds, 40-50 knots with Hurricane Gusts of 60-75 knots. Seas 7 feet, building to 12 feet. A potential high pressure area is expected by Thursday.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

F.O.S.C. : Tom Harrison, Commander USCG
S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley, ADEC
R.P.I.C. : Howard Hile

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: ADEC – Bob Flint, Public Information Office (PIO), cell 240-3517, United States Coast Guard (USCG)- Darrell Wilson 321-4510, Responsible Party (RP) - Mike Hanson 301-4451, or contact Joint Information Center (JIC) at 907-279-2866, 279-2867 or 279-2829.

The daily press conference has been discontinued until further notice. A daily press release will be issued instead.

The Joint Information Center will be de-activated effective Monday, December 20, 2004. Public Information Officers will be available at their phone numbers as indicated above.

Photographs, press releases and other spill information are available for viewing at: http://www.state.ak.us/dec/selendang

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