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 23, 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: Vessels are scheduled to return to oil recovery, shoreline cleanup and wildlife recovery operations during calmer weather conditions today and possibly tomorrow. Operational meeting was held this morning for response vessel operators. Vessel and helicopter task forces have been assigned for the next operational period which extends over the next three days. No overflight was conducted yesterday. Overflights are scheduled today to assess shoreline, wildlife impacts and vessel status.

The communications equipment from the US Forest Service (USFS) is expected to arrive today and technicians will attempt to set up the repeater stations and test the system if weather permits. This system will allow both land and air communications for response vessels and aircraft through a base radio.

The SERVS on-water recovery system “the Current Buster” is expected to arrive in Dutch Harbor and be operational by Tuesday. Three vessels are being mobilized to support the open water skimming system.

The Planning section continues to develop a “Winter Operations” plan. Shoreline cleanup operations will continue following the results of impacted shoreline assessments. A total of more than 150 people are involved in the oil spill response effort to date. Over one hundred and twenty nine mostly local personnel have completed the Hazwoper 8 hour courses provided in Dutch Harbor to date. These personnel have met the minimum shoreline cleanup operations training requirements.

Spill Trajectory: There is no change from the last report.

Wildlife: Bird capture and recovery will continue to be an objective. A total of ten live birds are housed in the International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC) in Anchorage. A grand total of twenty live oiled birds have been recovered, twenty dead oiled birds have been collected along with the one dead sea-otter and one dead fish. The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Research Vessel Tiglax is underway to Dutch Harbor to perform NRDA pre-assessment work. The vessels Norseman and Exito are being prepared to perform wildlife capture as
well as carcass recovery for tomorrow. A fisheries management work group continues to evaluate upcoming commercial fishery openings based on scientific information regarding the oil characteristics and behavior.

**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 the first of the year.

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

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Safety of response personnel remains the highest priority for the Unified Command. Develop lightering plan. Finalize Disposal Plan for stored waste generated. Protection booming of sensitive areas as weather permits. Conduct overflights to track trajectory as weather permits. Conduct wildlife surveys, capture, collection and rehabilitation. Public meetings with community and tribal entities continue to be scheduled at the city hall.

**WEATHER:** Isolated snow showers with NW wind 20 knots decreasing to variable winds to 15 knots by tonight, Seas subsiding to 9 feet in the afternoon and to 6 feet by night. Friday: S winds increasing to 35 knots in the afternoon and seas building to 10 feet.

**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 (PRP)

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