

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Selendang Ayu

SITREP #: 28

SPILL NUMBER: 04259934301

LEDGER CODE: 14142160

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: 1:00 PM December 28, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM December 29, 2004.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The revised estimate of fuel on board the vessel is 424,000 gallons of intermediate fuel oil (IFO 380) and 18,000 gallons of marine diesel oil. The midsection fuel tank ruptured when the vessel broke apart and released an estimated 40,131 gallons of IFO 380. The Unified Command also believes there is a low probability that any substantial amount of fuel remains in the forward centerline IFO fuel tank (original estimated volume was 176,473 gallons). The status of other fuel tanks is unknown at this time. The actual amount of spilled fuel is also 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 ACTIONS: Today's operations will focus on continuing with shoreline cleanup and wildlife recovery operations, weather permitting. Weather yesterday permitted overflights of the area, the lightering team to access the wreck and two Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams (SCAT) to assess some of the shoreline in Skan Bay. One team found a portion of Segment SK-11 about 300 meters long and 10 meters wide to be heavily oiled to a depth of about 21-29 cm over 75% of its length and moderately to lightly oiled over 25%. They also collected 25 oiled bird carcasses. The second team assessed segments SKS-3 and SKS-4 and found a 100 meter x 3 meter swath of oil about 28 centimeters deep and recovered 20 oiled bird carcasses.

A dispersant operations technician arrived in Dutch Harbor. Dispersant application resources have been identified and ordered. These resources include two Coast Guard Strike Team members and Corexit 9500 dispersant.

566 bags of oily waste were collected yesterday by shoreline cleanup crews. The grand total of bags collected to date is 1715. Each bag weighs about 40 pounds. The estimated volume of oil and oily debris recovered is 31.6 cubic yards.

Salvage and Lightering Operations:

Today salvors will continue preparing the vessel for lightering operations by cutting away obstructions and staging pumping equipment. If weather conditions permit, lightering should commence later this week. The Chinook heavy lift helicopter for lightering has arrived in Dutch Harbor.

Vessel Status: As of December 25, the bow section of the vessel had sunk and was listing severely, with just the forepeak of the vessel above water. The Unified Command sees little likelihood that any substantial quantity of fuel oil remains in the number one centerline tank. At this time, there is no way to access the tank and verify the status. The stern section of the vessel (which was previously listing to one side) has now leveled off, attributable to further hull damage and further settling of the vessel.

Wildlife: Bird capture and recovery continues to be an objective. Recovered wildlife carcasses to date include 86 birds and one sea otter. There have been 22 live birds captured and 634 oiled birds observed. A total of 6 birds have been released from Whittier by the International Bird Rescue and Research Center (IBRRC).

Commercial Fishery: Effective at 12:01 AM January 1, 2005, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commercial Fisheries Division, will close state-waters between Cape Kovrzhka (53 degrees, 50.67 minutes N lat.; 167 degrees, 09 minutes W long.) and Spray Cape (53 degrees, 36.83 minutes N lat.; 167 degrees, 09.33 minutes W long.) to all commercial fishing. Additional information will be posted on the ADEC website as it is received.

Staffing: Six ADEC staff, one ADEC term contractor, and several other State responders are currently in Dutch Harbor. Additional State spill response staff 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. See Salvage and Lightering Operations paragraph.

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 continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Safety of response personnel remains the highest priority for the Unified Command. Protection of sensitive areas continues to be a major priority as well. Shoreline cleanup and on-water recovery operations are planned, weather permitting. Wildlife surveys, capture, collection and rehabilitation are also continuing as weather permits. The first draft of the winter operations plan is completed and undergoing review. Public meetings with community and tribal entities continue to be held on a daily basis at City Hall.

WEATHER: Today/ partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Southeast wind 15 to 30 mph. Tonight. Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Southeast wind increasing to 30 to 45 mph. Wednesday. Increasing clouds with a chance of rain. Highs nears 40. Southeast wind 35 to 45 mph. Wednesday night. Rain. Lows in the upper 30s. southeast wind 35 to 50 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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

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