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

LEDGER CODE: 14142160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The M/V Selendang Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM, December 8, 2004 on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape. The Coast Guard reported at 7:14 PM, December 8, 2004 that the vessel had broken in half.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM February 11, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: Situation Reports will be suspended for the duration of the winter operations period unless an unexpected significant event occurs. Regular situation reports will resume during the week of April 4, 2005. The Unified Command will continue to issue weekly activity summaries each Saturday, which will be posted to the Unified Command website: http://www.state.ak.us/dec/selendang.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The actual amount of fuel spilled is unknown. Total volume of fuel initially on board the vessel was approximately 424,866 gallons of intermediate fuel oil (IFO 380) and 21,058 gallons of marine diesel oil. An estimated 321,052 gallons of IFO 380 from the three centerline tanks and an unknown amount of marine diesel oil have been released to the environment. These figures are estimates based on the most recent data available and are subject to change if new information is obtained.

LOCATION: The vessel wreck’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 air miles southwest or 50 nautical miles from Dutch Harbor.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel grounded and broke in half on the evening of December 8, 2004.

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


On February 10, the Unified Command issued a press release, conducted a press conference regarding the transition to winter operations, and explained the transition during the public meeting. Water quality sampling and twice weekly aerial surveillance flights will continue as weather permits. Shoreline cleanup operations will resume in April in accordance with the Spring/Summer Operations Plan.

Salvage and Lightering Operations: To date, the volume lightered from the vessel is 127,784 gallons of IFO, 11,523 gallons of diesel and miscellaneous oils, and 5624 gallons of oil/water mixture. The total amount of oil, water and miscellaneous oils lightered is 144,931 gallons. These amounts do not reflect oil drums, small cans from aft steering section, or final skimmed product from the engine room.

On February 9, 2005, nine individuals from the lightering crew and helicopter crew were unable to return to Dutch Harbor due to weather conditions. The crews spent the night in the emergency shelter previously staged for that purpose. The crew returned safely on February 10. Lightering operations are expected to take approximately one more day and will be completed as soon as weather permits.

Vessel Status: On February 9, 2005 the lightering crews reported that the foreship (bow) had sunk completely, with only the crane housing visible. On the stern part of the vessel, the #6 cargo hold has been compromised and its cargo of soybeans is presumed to have been released.
Wildlife: On February 10, the USFWS reported that a total of 1,606 dead birds have been recovered.

Commercial Fishery: Seafood inspectors will remain on-scene throughout the commercial fisheries periods. The next Fisheries Group meeting will be held on 2/16/2005.

Staffing: Three ADEC-Prevention and Emergency Response (PERP) staff, two ADEC seafood inspectors, and four ADEC contractors are currently in Dutch Harbor. Additional State spill response staff from ADEC, ADNR, ADFG and the Attorney General’s office outside of Dutch Harbor are actively engaged in supporting the response.

SOURCE CONTROL: As of 2/8/2005, nearly all accessible oil had been recovered from the stern section tanks. Lightering operations are expected to take approximately one more day and will be completed as soon as weather permits.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, marine birds, shellfish and anadromous streams. The protection of cultural resources continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Incident Action Plan for the winter operations period will take effect on February 14, 2005 and run through April 14, 2005. The final public meetings for the winter operational period will be held in Unalaska next Monday and Thursday evenings (February 14 and 17). After next week, public meetings will be suspended until spring unless new developments arise.

WEATHER: Today: Partly cloudy with isolated rain/snow showers, high near 38. SW winds 20 kts increasing to S 25 kts after 4:00 pm, seas 5 ft. Saturday: Rain and snow in the morning, scattered showers in the afternoon, high near 40. SE winds 45 kts early, diminishing to SW 25kts in afternoon, seas 7 ft.

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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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