

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Pegasus Sinking

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 07119920501

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The potential responsible party (PRP) reported that the vessel sank at approximately 11:30 AM, July 24, 2007. Both members of the vessel's crew were recovered from the vessel without injury.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:15 PM July 25, 2007

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 12:00 PM July 26, 2007

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: There was a small quantity of oil discharged immediately after the vessel sank, but the amount of product spilled is unknown at this time. The PRP reported that there was 1200 gallons of diesel fuel on board the vessel as well as unknown quantities of lubricating and hydraulic oils. There was also a front-end loader on the vessel that was reported to contain 20 gallons of diesel fuel and an unknown amount of hydraulic oil. Two containers containing explosives also aboard the vessel floated free and were towed to a nearby beach to await recovery. The containers were recovered earlier today.

LOCATION: The vessel sank off Sunshine Cove on the east side of Lynn Canal. Sunshine Cove is 28 miles northwest of Juneau.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the sinking is under investigation by the US Coast Guard.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Mitch Falk, Gumption Leasing.

RESPONSE ACTION: The PRP reported the spill to the US Coast Guard.

The PRP contracted with a tugboat and crane barge for salvage. The tugboat departed Juneau for Hoonah, Alaska to pick up the crane barge and return to Sunshine Cove. The PRP contracted with a local dive service to respond and plug the fuel vents on the sunken vessel.

The US Coast Guard responded to the incident and deployed sorbent material to collect the small amount of oil that came ashore in Sunshine Cove.

An ADEC spill responder traveled to the scene to monitor the situation and to determine the level of impact to the shoreline in the area.

ADEC delivered sorbent booms and sorbent pads from the local warehouse to a staging area at the request of the PRP. ADEC also provided containment booms and anchor systems to the PRP from a spill response container in Juneau. These supplies were loaded onto the PRP's vessel in Auke Bay and are currently on scene.

The Coast Guard issued a Captain of the Port (COTP) Order the evening of July 24, 2007 requiring a salvage plan and site safety plan prior to salvage of the explosive laden containers.

The tug and crane barge arrived on scene at 6:00 AM July 25 and began preparations to salvage the containers of explosives. The explosives were on board the salvage barge by 8:30 AM July 25, 2007..

ADEC briefed the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) on the situation. There is currently a commercial fisheries opening south of the casualty site.

SOURCE CONTROL: The vessels fuel vents were plugged at approximately 6:30 PM on July 24, 2007.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters and shoreline of Lynn Canal have been impacted by the spill. The ADEC responder noted small amounts of sheen along the shoreline of Sunshine Cove. There are no reports of impacts to birds or other wildlife in the area.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The barge with the recovered explosive containers on board will take the containers to a shore side location for removal then return to assist in the salvage of the vessel.

The PRP will begin salvage of the M/V Pegasus as soon as practical. Mobilization of the salvage equipment is expected to be complete later today.

An ADEC responder will go on scene during the salvage of the Pegasus to monitor the situation.

AN ADF&G representative is scheduled to conduct an overflight of the fisheries opening and will extend the flight to cover the area south of the casualty site.

Preparations are underway by the USCG and ADEC to form an integrated command post and incident management team if necessary.

WEATHER: Partly cloudy with a high temperature in the mid 60s. Winds are predicted to be from the north at 15 mph and becoming light this afternoon.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Mitch Falk (PRP)
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory, USCG
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, ADEC
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Leatherberry at 465-5346. Photographs and other spill information will be made available for viewing at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

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