

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

SITUATION REPORT – POTENTIAL RELEASE

INCIDENT NAME: Cruise Ship Spirit of Glacier Bay Grounding

SITREP #: 3 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 08119918901

LEDGER CODE: 14265660

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: 7:30 AM on July 7, 2008 The US Coast Guard reported the incident to ADEC at 8:05 AM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on July 9, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: No product was spilled. This incident had a potential release of 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

LOCATION: Grand Pacific Glacier, Tarr Inlet, Glacier Bay, Southeast Alaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: Vessel Grounding

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Cruise West

RESPONSE ACTION:

The cruise ship Spirit of Glacier Bay grounded on the northern most part of Tarr Inlet near Grand Pacific Glacier in Glacier Bay on the morning of July 7, 2008. There were 24 passengers and 27 crew members on board the vessel at the time of the grounding. A subsequent USCG vessel inspection and dive survey found no hull damage and no evidence of a pollution incident.

The Spirit of Glacier Bay departed Bartlett Cove, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (GBNPP) at approximately 6:00 PM on July 8, 2008 and transited to Auke Bay, Alaska under its own power and arrived at 11:00 PM July 8, 2008. The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) Oil Spill Response Vessel (OSRV) Neka Bay escorted the vessel during the transit and returned to its berth in Juneau after the Spirit of Glacier Bay was safely docked in Auke Bay. The vessel was also escorted by the tug Ardie during the transit.

As directed by the US Coast Guard, all liquid in the bilges of the Spirit of Glacier Bay was removed from the vessel in Auke Bay.

SOURCE CONTROL: There was no pollution incident.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: This was a potential release; no resources were affected.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The vessel will depart Juneau at approximately 6:00 PM July 9, 2008 for transit to the Alaska Ship and Dry Dock Inc. in Ketchikan where permanent repairs will be made. The vessel will be restricted to a speed of 7 knots during the transit and will be required to go to the nearest port in the event of bad weather. The crew is in the process of being changed out and the new crew will take the vessel to Ketchikan.

SEAPRO will arrange for the return of the ADEC containment boom stored on the vessel during its transit to Auke Bay. The boom will be returned to the GBNPP on a Cruise West vessel, cleaned and re-stowed in the ADEC container by SEAPRO Response Team Members and GBNPP personnel.

WEATHER: Light winds becoming SE 15mph by mid-day with precipitation continuing into tomorrow with wind diminishing.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Christine O'Conner, O'Brien's Group
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Scott Robert, USCG
 S.O.S.C.: Scot Tiernan, ADEC
 Field S.O.S.C.: None

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Scot Tiernan, ADEC SOSOC, at 907-465-5378.

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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