

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

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Monarch Sinking

SITREP #: 4

SPILL NUMBER: 09239901501

LEDGER CODE: 14124160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: 5:30 AM on January 15, 2009.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on Monday, May 4, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: Additional situation reports will be prepared when significant developments occur.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Ocean Marine Services Incorporated (OMSI) reported the 166' offshore supply vessel M/V Monarch sank containing an estimated 34,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 690 gallons of lube oil, plus several totes and drums of chemicals manifested for delivery to platforms. Volume of oil spilled is unknown at this time.

LOCATION: Alongside the Granite Point Platform (60°57' 28" N, 151° 20' 02" W) in Central Cook Inlet.

CAUSE OF SPILL: When making a delivery to the Granite Point Platform, the M/V Monarch was pinned to the platform by sea ice and the hull on the port side was breached below the waterline causing the vessel to sink. The seven-member crew was able to evacuate to the platform and were then transferred from the platform to shore by helicopter.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ocean Marine Services Incorporated (OMSI); Kirkland, WA.

RESPONSE ACTIONS: On May 1, 2009, OMSI submitted a Dive Plan and Scope of Work to the Unified Command for a two-week operational period beginning May 1, 2009 in which diving operations would begin to assess the condition and recovery options for the M/V Monarch. Diving operations commenced on May 1, 2009 with priorities focused on platform integrity and vessel position. Diving operations are being conducted during low slack current periods on the South side of the platform and on the North side at high slack tide.

The Scope of Work includes determining the position of the vessel in relation to the platform, orientation of the vessel, and any damage to the vessel's hull. Assessment of options for removal of any petroleum products remaining on the vessel will be determined once condition and position of the vessel's fuel vents and deck fittings are assessed.

Surveys will also be conducted during this two-week operational period to determine the amount and position of any deposition of silt, as well as any potential issues involving recovery of the vessel. A survey of the inlet floor in the area of the platform will be undertaken to locate any debris from the vessel or deck cargo.

One 330-gallon portable tank listed as deck cargo from the Monarch has been recovered from Afognak Island. A second 330-gallon portable tank has been identified on the inlet floor on the North side of the platform. This container will be recovered as conditions and operations allow.

Global Diving and Salvage, in cooperation with naval architects, have determined that the tidal forces on the vessel in its present position and orientation are not substantial enough to move the vessel from its current location.

A spill response package containing viscous sweep and sorbent material is currently staged on the M/V Champion for recovery of any sheen that may seep from the sunken vessel. Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc. as well as Alaska Chadux Corp. are available to provide any additional spill response capabilities. A non-recoverable sheen was last sighted January 17, 2009. No additional oil sheening has been observed since that time.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Waters of Cook Inlet.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Responsible Party has contracted with Global Diving and Salvage to assist in determining options for final disposition of the vessel. A Salvage/Recovery plan will be prepared for review by the Unified Command, once the condition of the vessel is determined by the dive survey.

WEATHER:

TODAY...S wind 25 kt diminishing to 15 kt in the afternoon. seas 6ft. n of Kalgin Island...S wind 15 kt in the morning becoming variable 10 kt. seas 3ft.

TUE...variable wind 10 kt. seas 2 ft.

WED...N wind 10 kt. seas 2 ft.

THU...NW wind 15 kt. seas 2 ft.

FRI...SW wind 15 kt. seas 3 ft.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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