

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 #:7

SPILL NUMBER: 09239901501

LEDGER CODE: 14124160

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

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on Monday, June 29, 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.

950 gallons of diesel fuels were recovered on June 13, 2009

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 June 19, 2009, the 75 foot x 25 foot, vessel M/V Sand Island arrived on scene replacing the OSV Perseverance as the primary dive platform for the M/V Monarch fuel recovery operations. The M/V Sand Island will conduct preparatory work on the Monarch to assist and improve fuel recovery operations. Due to the size of the Sand Island, the duration and frequency of dives will be reduced from three dives to two in a twenty four hour period. Preparatory work will consist of locating hatches and deck fittings, debris removal, and continued damage assessments.

On June 25, 2009 a "safety stand down" was enforced by Global Diving and Salvage and OMSI, when a diver experienced what appeared to be symptoms of decompression sickness. The diver was placed in a decompression chamber and later received a complete medical evaluation with a determination of no lasting effects. This incident initiated a complete safety review of all policies and procedures used for this dive operation as well as a complete equipment inspection. This evaluation was completed on June 25, 2009 and allowed the dive operations to resume.

A Unified Command meeting was held at 3:00 PM on June 26, 2009 to discuss the current operations schedule, changes to the dive safety plan, and the appropriate size and type of vessel needed to complete the fuel recovery operations.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Waters of Cook Inlet.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: OSMI and Global Diving and Salvage are researching vessel options for continuing fuel recovery operations as well as handling and storage procedures for recovered fuel.

WEATHER:

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UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

R.P.I.C: Joey Willis, OMSI
F.O.S.C: Capt. Kenyon, USCG
S.O.S.C: Gary Folley, ADEC

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