

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Barge AK 7272 P Partial Sinking Whittier Harbor    **SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL NUMBER:** 09239906801

**LEDGER CODE:** None

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** Barge sank while moored at Whittier Small Boat Harbor at approximately 8:00 AM on March 09, 2009. The incident was reported to ADEC at 8:15 AM by the Whittier Harbor staff.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 3:00 PM, March 10, 2009

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** As situation warrants

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** ADEC response staff on scene estimate a release of less than one gallon of residual oil from the sunken barge. Fuel tanks on board the barge were not compromised. The fuel tank at the bow of the barge was estimated to have 100 gallon of diesel in it. The crane on the stern of barge is estimated to have 100 gallons of diesel in the fuel tank. The generator room is estimated to have 100 gallons of diesel fuel, two 5-gallon buckets of Delco 1540, and one barrel (42gallons) of biodegradable Viro-oil. An additional 2,000 gallon equipment tank was identified on stern section of barge with over 100 gallons in it.

**LOCATION:** Barge moored at Whittier Small Boat Harbor breakwater barrier, Whittier.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Under investigation by the owner and the US Coast Guard (USCG)

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Harris Sand & Gravel, Valdez.

**RESPONSE ACTIONS:** On March 09, 2009 at 10:43 AM the Whittier Harbor Master and crew deployed ADEC harbor boom around the barge to contain any sheening coming from barge. ADEC and the USCG Sector Anchorage response staff met with the Harbor Master, PRP, and Alaska Chadux Corporation, to develop plans for dewatering the barge. Upon the completion of multiple dives, divers found no evidence of any significant hull damage on the barge except a few dents. Response crew completed dewatering the barge by 8:15 PM, using three pumps. USCG and ADEC response staff had a second meeting with all parties involved. USCG required the PRP to remove all remaining fuel and oil from the barge, maintain 24-hour live watch, and keep all dewatering pumps in ready status. In addition the USCG approved the use of the Tug Ranger to move the barge to a floating dock where additional bottom surveys and temporary repairs could be completed.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Divers will continue to identify and repair hull leaks with patching material. PRP will remove all fuel from barge before transiting to Valdez, AK for permanent repairs. Alaska Chadux Corporation will decontaminate and place response boom back in the ADEC response container.

**WEATHER:** Today: Overcast, snow with accumulation 1-4 inches, east wind to 15 mph except east winds 20 to 35 mph through Portage Valley and Turnagain Arm., temperature in the 30s. Forecast tonight: Snow likely with an accumulation of 2 to 5 inches, lows in the mid 20s to lower 30s, east wind 10 to 20 mph

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL**

F.O.S.C. :	CDR Joe Losciuto, (USCG)
S.O.S.C. :	Gary Folley, (ADEC)
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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Sielaff, ADEC, 269-7532

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Deck Barge AK 7272 P Whittier Small Boat Harbor, photo provided by ADEC 3/9/09.

