M/V Monterrey Grounding

SPILL NUMBER: 12249916001

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 11:48 p.m. on June 8, 2012. The U.S. Coast Guard reported the incident to ADEC at 2:45 a.m. on June 9, 2012.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2012

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: ADEC estimates that between 8,000 and 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel have been released. Final determination as to the exact quantity released will be determined at a later date.

INCIDENT LOCATION: Puffin Island, in Chiniak Bay, Kodiak Island. Puffin Island is approximately 2.5 miles south of the city of Kodiak.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Shortly after departing Kodiak on June 8, the Monterrey, a 174-foot landing craft, struck Discovery Rocks in Chiniak Bay, damaging the forward section of the vessel. As directed by the Coast Guard, the crew beached the vessel on Puffin Island to keep it from sinking. Fuel escaped from the vessel’s #3 and #4 starboard fuel tanks, which were ruptured by the initial collision. The Monterrey was carrying 42,000 gallons of fuel on board when they departed Kodiak. The Coast Guard is investigating the cause of the collision.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY: U.S. Army 311th Expeditionary Sustainment Command

RESPONSE ACTION: The Monterrey has been refloated and is currently moored at the Lash Dock in Kodiak for offloading of deck cargo. The vessel is boomed and oil spill response equipment is standing by as needed.

SOURCE CONTROL: All fuel has been removed from the two damaged tanks.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters of Chiniak Bay, Kodiak. ADEC has received no reports of oiled wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Temporary repairs will be made to the vessel to secure it for transit to a shipyard for permanent repairs at a later date. Beach and shoreline surveys for petroleum products will continue within Chiniak Bay until no remaining recoverable product is located.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:
Incident Commander: Col. Robert White, U.S. Army Reserve
FOSC: Jason Fosdick, USCG
SOSC: Steven Russell, ADEC
WEATHER: Tonight: Overcast with rain showers. Low of 43°F. Northeast winds to 30 mph.
Tomorrow: Overcast with rain showers. High to 55°F. Northwest winds to 20 mph.

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Russell, ADEC, 907-262-3401
Photographs and other spill information will be available for viewing at:
http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST:
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