

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Freight Barge *Baranof Provider* Fire **SITREP #:** 1

SPILL NUMBER: 06119931001

LEDGER CODE: None Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: Potential spill only. Reported to the USCG at 7:04 PM and to ADEC at 10:05 PM November 6, 2006

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 5:00 P.M. November 7, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As the situation warrants.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: This is a potential spill only. No product has been released at this time. The immediate concern to ADEC is the public safety hazard due to the smoke being released from the fire. The barge is reported to have a diesel generator on board used to supply power to the refrigerated container on the barge. The owners report that the supply of diesel for the generator should be expended by this time.

LOCATION: The Freight Barge *Baranof Provider* was reported to be in Chatham Straits near Frederick Sound when the fire was discovered. Currently, the barge is located in Fredrick Sound off Yasha Island approximately 86 miles southwest of Juneau.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Potential spill only.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Bob Schuberg, Western Towboat Company the tug's owner and Don Reid, Alaska Marine Lines (AML) the owner/operator of the barge

RESPONSE ACTION: The crew of the tug *Western Mariner* that was towing the freight barge *Baranof Provider* reported to the USCG that containers of household garbage loaded on the barge were on fire. USCG personnel reported the incident to the Alaska State Trooper Spill Hotline.

The Coast Guard Cutter (CGC) *Liberty* was dispatched to the scene, arriving at approximately 1:00AM November 7, 2006, and began fire suppression operations. The owner arranged for the assistance of the tug *Togiak* from Juneau., Alaska. The *Togiak* arrived on scene at 4:00 AM, relieved the CGC *Liberty* and continued fire suppression operations using on board fire monitors. The owner contracted for a second tug, the *Le Cheval Rouge* to transit from the Juneau to the scene. This tug is also equipped with fire monitors.

Southeast Alaska Response Team (SART) coordinated with ADEC's Division of Air and Division of Water Quality in response to this incident. A meeting was held at AML offices in Juneau at 11:00 A.M. November 7, 2006. Attending the meeting were ADEC staff from SART and the Division of Air Quality, USCG, the City and Borough of Juneau's Emergency Response Coordinator, Capital City Fire & Rescue personnel, and AML personnel. A decision was reached to keep the vessel out of populated areas until the fire could be suppressed or allowed to burn out. AML personnel are developing a proposal to move the barge to a yet to be determined location where the intact containers can be removed.

SART personnel consulted with the local NOAA Incident Meteorologist on the current and extended local weather forecast to determine the best locations for the vessel to take refuge and to avoid affecting population centers with smoke from the fire.

SOURCE CONTROL: AML stated the fuel in the diesel generator will be consumed today eliminating that source of oil pollution. Fire suppression efforts are ongoing.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Air quality in the area of the barge has been impacted. There have been no observed impacts to the waters of Fredrick Sound or adjoining shorelines at this time. There have been no reports of impacts to wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Fire suppression operations will continue unabated. ADEC will continue to monitor the situation. AML is developing a proposal for offloading the barge and putting out the fire. A second meeting with all involved parties is scheduled for 9:00 AM November 8, 2006.

WEATHER: On scene weather is clear with temperatures in the mid to upper 20's. East winds at 15 kts. Snow is predicted to develop this evening and winds will shift to the northeast at 20 kts

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Don Reid (AML)
F.O.S.C.: Capt Mark Guillory (USCG)
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