

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Exodus Explorer

SITREP #: 4

SPILL NUMBER: 07259907701

LEDGER CODE: 14969960

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 2:02 AM on March 18, 2007. The USCG reported the spill to ADEC at 5:32 AM on March 18, 2007.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM on April 16, 2007.

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

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The quantity of fuel released is unknown. The vessel operator reported to the Coast Guard (USCG) that the vessel was carrying 2500-3000 gallons of diesel fuel. The vessel was also carrying 35,000 pounds of cod.

LOCATION: Gannet Rocks in Kuluk Bay near Adak, 51.8721°N, 176.6183°W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel ran aground on Gannet Rocks.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): B & N Fisheries. Captain Dan Carney

RESPONSE ACTION: The salvage team completed the lightering of the vessel by 10 am on Monday, March 26, 2007. A total of 4,299 gallons of diesel and 443 gallons of mixed diesel and water were transferred from the Exodus Explorer to the vessel Intrepid Explorer. The vessel's trawling net was removed to avoid possible risks to marine life near the vessel. The salvage team welded a patch over the 14" by 24" hole near the port engine room of the vessel.

A new Wreck Removal and Disposal Plan has been proposed for the F/V Exodus Explorer. Due to poor weather conditions it has not been possible for the vessel to be towed in the inverted position as was proposed in the previous disposal plan. Currently, Magone Marine Services has proposed mobilizing their 197' barge Kashega equipped with a crane, boom, absorbents, storage tank, and diving & salvage equipment. The M/V Redeemer tug will provide the tow to the wreck site and assist in executing the disposal plan.

The proposed wreck removal plan is to raise the vessel in the upright position. When the vessel is in its normal operating draft position, engine room oils and other hazardous materials will be removed. Once the vessel is stabilized in the up-righted position and hazardous materials have been removed it will be towed to the proposed disposal location at 52 degrees 14 minutes north, 176 degrees 30 minutes west. This position is 14.14 nautical miles northwest of the northernmost tip of Great Sitkin Island (Swallow Head), in 1753 fathoms of water. US Coast Guard on-scene personnel will inspect the vessel to verify removal of oil and hazardous materials.

Other than the initial reporting of oil sheen during the grounding, no further oil sheen observations have been reported. Three hundred feet of boom is around the vessel and regularly maintained by the salvage team.

SOURCE CONTROL: Fuel has been removed from vessel.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters of Kuluk Bay due to sheen observed. No oiled wildlife has been reported.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The USCG, EPA, ADEC and PRP representatives are coordinating safely re-floating, towing and scuttling the vessel during favorable weather conditions.

WEATHER: Today: N winds 17 mph with gusts to 31 mph. Current Temperature is 32° F.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Capt. Dan Carney- (PRP)
 F.O.S.C. : Capt. DeVries – (USCG)
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley – (ADEC)
 Field S.O.S.C.: Eric Henry – (ADEC)

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