

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 #: 5

SPILL NUMBER: 09239901501

LEDGER CODE: 14124160

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

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 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.

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 11, 2009, The OSV Perseverance will be on station to begin fuel recovery operations from the internal tanks located on the M/V Monarch. Fuel recovery operations are expected to begin approximately 48 hours after the M/V Perseverance is secured on location. Three dive periods are expected in a 24 hour period to recover fuel and lube oils from the cargo tanks on the M/V Monarch. Diving operations are expected to be conducted during periods of slack current lasting approximately 30 minutes each. Divers will access each of the 12 tanks on board from existing deck fittings. A flexible wand attached to a pump on board the dive platform will be inserted into the highest point in each tank and product will be removed until no visible sheen is observed in a collection sample on deck of the Perseverance. The recovered fuel and lube oils will be pumped to portable tanks on board the Perseverance for later disposal.

Personnel from the Unified Command will be on site to assist OSMI in confirming tank cleanliness standards are achieved.

One 330-gallon portable tank listed as deck cargo from the Monarch has been recovered from Afognak Island. A second 330-gallon portable tank and a 110-gallon portable tank, have been recovered from the inlet floor.

Global Diving and Salvage, in cooperation with naval architects, have determined that the tidal forces on the vessel in its present position and orientation are not substantial enough to move the vessel from its current location.

The SPT Vigilance, with oil spill response equipment will remain in the immediate area of the Granite Point Platform during fuel recovery operations. A non-recoverable sheen was last sighted January 17, 2009. No additional oil sheening has been observed since that time.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Waters of Cook Inlet.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The final disposition of the fuel and lube oils has yet to be determined. The Responsible Party has contracted with Global Diving and Salvage to assist in determining options for final disposition of the vessel. A Salvage/Recovery plan will be prepared for review by the Unified Command, once all fuel and lube oils are recovered from the vessel.

WEATHER:

THU THROUGH FRI...SW WIND 20 KT. SEAS 5 FT. AREAS OF FOG.

.SAT...SW WIND 15 KT. SEAS 3 FT.

.SUN...SW WIND 10 KT. SEAS 2 FT.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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