

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 #: 8

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 August 4, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As situation warrants

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Ocean Marine Services Incorporated (OMSI) reported that the 166-foot offshore supply vessel, M/V *Monarch*, sank containing an estimated 34,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 690 gallons of lube oil, and several totes and drums of chemicals manifested for delivery to platforms. The Unified Command currently estimates that approximately 12,800 gallons of diesel fuel and lube oil were released at the time of the incident.

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 28, 2009, the M/V *Polar Bear* began de-fueling operations from the M/V *Monarch*. As of August 3, 2009, thirteen dives have been completed with an estimated 10,150 gallons of diesel fuel recovered from three of the seven tanks scheduled to be pumped for product removal. It has been determined by the divers that number 3 starboard fuel tank was breached during the sinking and an estimated 7,500 gallons of diesel was lost. This was determined because divers were only able to recover approximately 1,600 gallons of fuel from this tank. Dive operations will continue, weather permitting, with three dives per 24-hour period until all recoverable fuel and lube oils are removed from the vessel. The current estimate of recoverable product remaining on board the vessel is 10,400 gallons. Due to the reduction in quantities of remaining product on board the vessel, the on-scene oil spill recovery capabilities have been transferred to the M/V *Sand Island* and the Oil Spill Response Vessel *Perseverance* has been released to Nikiski Bay.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Waters of Cook Inlet.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: De-fueling operations will continue as the weather and sea state allow. The Unified Command meetings continue to take place as events or situations require. Discussions between OMSI, Chevron, and state and federal agencies continue to determine the final status of the sunken vessel.

WEATHER: Tonight - NE winds 20 knots, seas 8 feet
Wed through Fri - Variable winds to 15 knots, seas 3 feet

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

R.P.I.C: Joey Willis, OMSI
F.O.S.C: Capt. Kenyon, USCG
S.O.S.C: Gary Folley, ADEC

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