

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Alaska Trams Bunker Oil Container

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 07119932501

LEDGER CODE: Not Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The United States Coast Guard (USCG) notified the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) of the incident at approximately 11:55 AM on November 21, 2007. It is unknown when the spill began. The spill was first reported by a float plane pilot as the barge was underway near Ketchikan.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 5:30 PM November 21, 2007

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM, November 23, 2007

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Dan Kelly with the Alaska Marine Lines (AML) estimated the spill at approximately 200 gallons of oily waste. The estimate is based on the amount of product on the deck and side of the barge. The oily waste is a mixture of bunker oil, diesel and lube oil mixed with diatomaceous earth to help solidify the oily waste for shipping.

LOCATION: AML Dock, Ketchikan, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Approximately 1,000 tons of oil and diatomaceous earth recovered during a fuel tank cleanup in Juneau was being transported in a 20 ft. open top, lined container to Seattle for disposal. The door on the container apparently failed for unknown reasons allowing a portion of the contents of the container to leak on to the deck of the barge, across the deck and into the water. The cause of the incident is under investigation by the U. S. Coast Guard office in Ketchikan, AK.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Alaska Trams, LLC, Juneau, Alaska.

RESPONSE ACTION: A float plane pilot observed oily product spilling from an AML barge as it was traveling near Ketchikan. The barge tied up at the AML dock in Ketchikan.

Alaska Commercial Divers (ACD) initially deployed approximately 600' of containment boom around the barge once it moored at the AML dock. The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization (SEAPRO) deployed absorbent material inside the hard boom in order to contain and collect oily material as it spilled from the deck of the barge into the water. Blocks of wood were placed on the deck of the barge to slow or prevent oil from leaking through the openings in sides of the barges deck coaming.

AML dock fork lifts removed the containers in front of the damaged container so workers could access the damaged container and begin cleanup and determine the cause of the spill. SEAPRO personnel are shoveling the liquid portion of the spilled product into drums. The semi-solid mixture of oily waste and diatomaceous earth is being placed into lined, DOT approved boxes. SEAPRO has ten (10) cleanup personnel on scene in addition to their safety, planning and operation section managers. AML personnel are assisting as needed. The oily waste will then be placed in large storage bags and transferred into another lined container for shipment to Seattle.

SOURCE CONTROL: Responders are shoveling oily waste into drums and boxes.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The marine waters of Tongass Narrows in the vicinity of Ketchikan. There have been no reports of oiled wildlife or shoreline impacts at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SEAPRO and AML staff will continue removing the contaminated material from the damaged container and deck of the barge. The material will then be placed in storage bags and transferred into a clean, secure 20' container and reloaded on an AML barge to Seattle for disposal

at Allied Waste facility in Roosevelt, Washington. ACD will decontaminate the barge at the conclusion of cleanup operations and prior to leaving Ketchikan. ADEC and the Coast Guard will continue to monitor the cleanup operations. The Coast Guard will continue their investigation into the incident.

WEATHER: Weather conditions in Ketchikan are cloudy, approximately 40 degrees, with southerly winds at 5-10 knots and calm seas.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Dan Kelly, AML
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mark Guillory, USCG Sector Juneau
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, Southeast Alaska Response Team (SART) Juneau
 Field S.O.S.C.: Bob Fultz, SART Ketchikan

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Fultz, ADEC at 225-6200X1. Photographs and other spill information when obtained will be available for viewing at <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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