

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V LeConte Grounding

SITREP #: 3

SPILL NUMBER: 04119913101

LEDGER CODE: 14953360

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: 10:00 AM on May 10, 2004.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM on May 14, 2004

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As more information becomes available.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT: Potential Spill Only. The vessel has not spilled any oil at this time. At the time of the grounding the ferry system reported the vessel had on board approximately 26,600 gallons of diesel fuel and 1962 gallons of auxiliary oils. On May 12, the ferry system revised the volume on board to approximately 19,500 gallons of diesel fuel. On May 13 the transfer of 17,000 gallons of diesel fuel was completed. Approximately 3000 gallons remains on board to supply fuel to the auxiliary generators.

LOCATION: Cozian Reef, Peril Straits on the north end of Baranof Island (135⁰ 26.5' W long; 57⁰ 34.01 N lat), NE of Sitka, AK.

CAUSE OF INCIDENT: The ferry grounded on Cozian Reef. The cause of the grounding is under investigation.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): State of Alaska DOT/Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS)

RESPONSE ACTION: On May 13, personnel completed lightering the additional 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel from the LeConte to the M/V Poundstone. 900 gallons of used oil was offloaded to SEAPRO's Oil Spill Response Barge # 2 (ORB2).

Today, May 14, 2004 the primary tasks include transferring approximately 900 gallons of lube oil into marked, numbered 55 gallon drums. The drums will remain on board and will be secured on the vehicle deck. The drums will be offloaded when the M/V LeConte comes into port. A plan for removing the 15 cars from the vessel was developed and approved by the Unified Command. The transfer of cars will be conducted today. Alaska Marine Highway System personnel will conduct a sweep of the vessel today and remove crewmembers personal belongings.

OSRV Neka Bay remains on scene with 800 feet of containment boom on board in the event a spill should occur.

The goal is for the vessel to be turned over to the salvors. DEC will begin a partial demobilization with the completion of pollution mitigation activities. One DEC responder in the field will remain on scene until late afternoon today, and DEC will participate in the Incident Management Team as needed.

ADEC has sent pollution response material from the Auke Bay equipment container to the M/V LeConte

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: The Environmental Unit has identified sensitive areas around the grounding in Cozian Reef and a wildlife assessment has been completed. A bird hazing permit has been approved and equipment on hand in case the need for bird hazing arises. Two priority sites for potential places of refuge near the grounding site were identified following consultation with stakeholders and agencies and have been forwarded to the salvors for consideration in the salvage plan. The lightering plan and waste management plan have been approved. DEC has contacted 5 tribal organizations for environmental input and local concerns.

SOURCE CONTROL The fuel and oils on board are being removed or secured.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The vessel is aground on Cozian Reef

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: ADEC will oversee lightering and waste management. ADEC will review the transit plan and assist with identifying places of refuge along the transit route. ADEC will still maintain oversight of continuing operations until the vessel reaches its final destination.

WEATHER: Clear skies, light winds, seas 1-2 ft., temperatures high near 60 and lows near 40.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Capt. Falvey, AMHS
 F.O.S.C.: CDR John Sifling, USCG MSO Juneau
 S.O.S.C.: Bob Mattson, Southeast Alaska Response Team

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Mattson, ADEC at 321-3425. Photographs and other spill information are available on the DEC web site at www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm and the Unified Command website at www.state.ak.us/dec/leconte.htm

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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Location of M/V LeConte on Cozian Reef.



SOSC Bob Mattson and DEC Responder John Brown confer on board the M/V LeConte.