

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: T/V Seabulk Pride Grounding

SITREP #: 4

SPILL NUMBER: 06239903301

LEDGER CODE: 14204860

TIME/DATE OF GROUNDING: The T/V Seabulk Pride went aground at 5:25 AM on February 2, 2006. The Alaska State Trooper reported the grounding to ADEC at 6:20 AM on February 2, 2006.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 8:00 PM, on February 2, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 8:00 AM, on February 3, 2006

TYPE/AMOUNT OF SPILL: Tesoro Alaska reported that approximately 75 gallons of petroleum product was spilled to water and an additional 125 gallons of product was spilled and contained on the vessel. The vessel was transferring both gasoline and Vacuum Tower Bottom Blend (VTBB) at the same time so the exact volume of each product has not been determined. Currently, the T/V Seabulk Pride is reported to be grounded approximately 200 yards north of the Kenai Pipeline (KPL) dock in Nikiski. The Seabulk Pride is a 600 ft, double-hulled and double-bottomed oil tanker utilized by Tesoro Alaska Company to transport oil. At the time of the grounding, the tanker was carrying 3,987,942 gallons (94,951 barrels) of VTBB. VTBB is a residual oil product that is not processed at the Tesoro Refinery in Nikiski. VTBB has a thick consistency, similar to asphalt.

The Seabulk Pride is also carrying 224,532 gallons (5,346 barrels) of Bunker Oil, 47,670 gallons (1,135 barrels) of gasoline, 520,800 gallons (12,400 barrels) of Heavy Vacuum Gasoline Oil (HVGO) and 100,506 gallons (2,393 barrels) of Diesel Fuel 2.

LOCATION: The tanker is grounded approximately 200 yards north of the Nikiski KPL dock at position 60°41.46"; 151°24.191". Nikiski is located on the Kenai Peninsula, 9 miles north of the City of Kenai.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The tanker was moored at the KPL dock transferring cargo and was struck by an ice flow. The mooring lines parted causing the vessel to drift northward and go aground approximately 200 yards north of the KPL dock.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Tesoro Alaska Company

RESPONSE ACTION: Unified Command (UC) has been activated and is in place at the Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response (CISPRI) Command Center. The U.S. Coast Guard and ADEC representatives are at CISPRI responding to the situation. The UC has given permission for the T/V Seabulk Pride to start discharging its fresh and ballast water in an attempt to re-float the vessel on February 3, 2006 morning high tide. Ballast water is clean salt water that is stored in the vessel's double hull and bottom to improve vessel stability when the vessel is light with cargo. The tugs Glacier Wind and Stellar Wind are standing by to assist with re-floating the vessel.

The tugs Sea Voyager and Bulwark have been mobilized with the response barge 450-3 from Valdez. The tug Sea Voyager is estimated to arrive during the afternoon on February 3, 2006. The tug Bulwark and response barge 450-3 with 149,000 barrels of available storage is expected to arrive late afternoon on February 4, 2006. The tug Pacific Challenger and the response barge 141 have been mobilized out of Seldovia with 59,400 barrels of available storage and are expected to arrive early morning on February 3, 2006.

UC representatives conducted an overflight at 3:30 PM and found no change in the vessel position. No sheens or fuel was observed in the water in the vicinity of the vessel or KPL dock area during the overflight. The next overflight is schedule to depart at first light tomorrow morning.

SOURCE CONTROL: All valves associated with the cargo transfer were closed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: The waters and shores of Cook Inlet.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The UC is in the process of completing the proper plans and permits to support the response. A towing and lightering plan is also under development to help move the vessel to deeper water. ADEC is mobilizing additional staff to support the UC at CISPRI for a 24-hour operation. The crew of the T/V Seabulk Pride will stay aboard the vessel to assist in anyway they can.

WEATHER: Tonight the weather is expected to be partly cloudy, lows -5° F to -15° F with winds light.

Friday's weather is expected to be mostly sunny, highs 0° F to 10° F with 5 to 15 mph northeast wind.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Shawn Brown, Tesoro Alaska Company
 F.O.S.C. : Capt. Devries, USCG
 S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley, ADEC
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Photographs and other spill information are available for viewing at:

<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>

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