

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 #: 5

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 AM, on February 3, 2006

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM, on February 3, 2006

TYPE/AMOUNT OF SPILL: Tesoro Alaska reported that approximately 75 gallons of petroleum product was spilled to water. 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 half a mile 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 a half mile 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 a half mile north of the KPL dock.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Tesoro Alaska Company

RESPONSE ACTION: The Incident Management Team is fully manned at the Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response (CISPRI) Command Center. Discharge of the Seabulk Pride ballast water was completed this morning on the flood tide. The Seabulk Pride remains aground, intact and secure. There were no reported sheens or fuel observed in the water in the vicinity of the vessel or KPL dock area from the vessel crew. An attempt to refloat the vessel utilizing three tugs, the Glacier Wind, Stellar Wind, and the Pacific Challenger is planned for this morning at 8:00 a.m. The Glacier Wind, Stellar Wind are positioned at the stern of the vessel. The Pacific Challenger has secured a line to the bow. Spill contingency plans include the pre-positioning of the Monarch, Champion and Seabulk Nevada all with skimming and storage capabilities. The Seabulk Nevada will also break ice if necessary for the Seabulk Pride.

The tug Bulwark is currently leaving Prince William Sound en route with the SERV's response barge 450-3. The tug Bulwark and response barge 450-3 with 149,000 barrels of storage is expected to arrive late afternoon on February 4, 2006. The tug Sea Voyager has arrived within Cook Inlet and is to pick up the response barge 141 in Seldovia en route to the grounding site. The Sea Voyager is estimated to arrive this afternoon.

Unified Command representatives are conducting an overflight this 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 Unified Command continues to process completion 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 if necessary. ADEC will mobilize additional staff as necessary for a 24-hour operation. The crew of the Seabulk Pride will stay aboard the vessel to assist in anyway they can.

WEATHER: The weather is expected to be mostly sunny, lows 5 to 15 below, winds light.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Shawn Brown (Tesoro Alaska Company)

F.O.S.C. : Capt. Devries (USCG)

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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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