

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

SITUATION REPORT – POTENTIAL RELEASE

INCIDENT NAME: Cruise Ship Spirit of Glacier Bay Grounding

SITREP #: 2

SPILL NUMBER: 08119918901

LEDGER CODE: 14265660

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: 7:30 AM on July 7, 2008 The US Coast Guard reported the incident to ADEC at 8:05 AM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:30 PM on July 8, 2008

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 3:00 PM on July 9, 2008.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: No product was spilled. This incident had a potential release of 4,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

LOCATION: Grand Pacific Glacier, Tarr Inlet, Glacier Bay, Southeast Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: Vessel Grounding

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Cruise West

RESPONSE ACTION:

The cruise ship Spirit of Glacier Bay grounded on the northern most part of Tarr Inlet near Grand Pacific Glacier in Glacier Bay on the morning of July 7, 2008. There were 24 passengers and 27 crew members on board the vessel at the time of the grounding. There are no reports of injuries to the passengers or crew.

The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO), Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (GBNPP), and Cruise West arranged for the airlifted of six hundred feet of ADEC's land based containment boom from Bartlett Cove in GBNPP to the spill site. The ADEC boom was utilized as it was easier to transport to the Gustavus Airport than the SEAPRO boom located on the spill response barge in Bartlett Cove. The boom was on site prior to the vessel refloating.

SEAPRO transited the Oil Spill Response Vessel (OSRV) Neka Bay from Juneau to Bartlett Cove to be on scene in the event the Spirit of Glacier Bay began to leak fuel and to assist in escorting it to Auke Bay today. The OSRV Neka Bay arrived in Bartlett Cove at 6:00 PM on July 7, 2008.

The vessel began to refloat at approximately 4:13 PM on the incoming tide on July 7, 2008 and was completely afloat by 4:39 PM. The main propulsion system and the generator were started and found to be operational. Passengers and non-essential crew from the Spirit of Glacier Bay were transferred to the GBNPP day tour-boat Fairweather II Express and transported to Bartlett Cove.

Divers on scene were unable to complete a dive assessment because of high turbidity in Tarr Inlet. The Unified Command approved the vessel's proceeding to Bartlett Cove for the dive survey.

The containment boom delivered to the site of the grounding was rigged for rapid self deployment in the event of a discharge during transit to Bartlett Cove. The Spirit of Glacier Bay traveled under its own power and was escorted by the US Coast Guard cutter Liberty.

The dive assessment was completed at 08:00 AM on July 8, 2008 in Bartlett Cove and the hull plating was found to be intact.

The Unified Command met by teleconference at 9:00 AM and agreed the vessel could proceed to Juneau, Alaska. A transit plan requested by the Unified Command was received at approximately 1:00 PM and approved.

SOURCE CONTROL: At this time there is no pollution incident.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: This is a potential release; no resources have been affected at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Spirit of Glacier Bay will travel under its own power to Auke Bay, Alaska. The vessel will be escorted to Auke Bay by the tug Artie and SEAPRO's Neka Bay. In Juneau, the vessel will offload all non-essential crew and make preparations for taking the vessel to Ketchikan where it is scheduled for dry-docking on July 17, 2008. The US Coast Guard will examine the vessel prior to departure to confirm she is seaworthy.

WEATHER: Light winds becoming SE 15mph by mid-day with precipitation continuing into tomorrow with wind diminishing.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Christine O'Conner, O'Briens Group
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AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

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