

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/V Mar-Gun Grounding St. George Island

SITREP #:12

SPILL NUMBER: 09259906401

LEDGER CODE: 14251760

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The US Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Anchorage notified ADEC at 6:15 AM on March 5, 2009 that the F/V Mar-Gun had run aground with five (5) people on board and was taking on water. The F/V Mar-Gun is a 112-foot trawl vessel.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 2:00 PM on Thursday March 26, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An unknown amount of diesel fuel has been released.

LOCATION: North shoreline of St. George Island, at approximately Latitude 56° 36' N, Longitude 169° 36' W. St. George Island is one of the Pribilof Islands located in the Bering Sea approximately 250 miles northwest of Unalaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the grounding is being investigated by the USCG.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Margun Enterprises, LLC.

RESPONSE ACTION: The Egli Air Haul Bell 206 helicopter started the offloading of full drums from the vessel on Friday. The helicopter offloaded 28 drums of fluids from the vessel to the containment area before ending operations on Friday. These drums were transported by truck to the harbor where the drums were staged and the fluids transferred to the M/V Western Viking's waste tank.

Weather and sea conditions eliminated any possibility of vessel operations on Saturday and Sunday. A total of 18,371 gallons of fluids have been removed from the vessel since the start of response operations. A total of 750 gallons of diesel in the starboard day tank for generator operations and 100 gallons of hydraulic oil remain on board for recovery operations. In addition, three drums of fluids from the starboard wing tank remain on board until the weather allows for their safe removal. The temporary helo site remains set up for future offloading operations. The Pacific Strike team and local workers secured lightering gear at the work site and demobed equipment from the beach area. On Sunday, they recovered shore anchors and cleared all remaining debris from the beach. The M/V Western Viking was scheduled to leave St. George Island on Sunday and arrive back in Dutch Harbor today.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There have been no reports of impacted wildlife at this time. A SCAT team inspected the shoreline Sunday afternoon and was unable to confirm any sign of contamination on the shoreline. The SCAT team detected the odor of diesel at low tides but has not been able to confirm a diesel sheen in the water or on the shoreline.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The vessel recovery plan which was submitted last week to the Unified Command is being finalized. Magone Marine has established a temporary fabrication shop in order to improve the vessel's salvage operations. Salvage rigging is being organized and stored in the harbor.

WEATHER: Numerous snow showers. Highs around 10. North winds 15 to 20 MPH. Wind chills -5 to -20.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Charles Ellwanger (PRP)
F.O.S.C. : CDR Joseph LoSciuto (USCG)
S.O.S.C. : Gary Folley (ADEC)
L.O.S.C : Chris Merculief (St. George Traditional Council)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gary Folley, ADEC, 262-5210 ext 234
Weld Royal, ADEC Public Information Officer, 465-5009/321-5491

A Unified Command Web site has been established at
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/perp/mar-gun>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

This sitrep has been distributed via email to the Governor's office, ADF&G, ADNR, SECC, USEPA, USDOJ, NMFS, USFWS, and USFS in addition to the following.

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
USCG Sector Anchorage	U.S. Coast Guard Sector Anchorage, Response Incident Management Division	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
USEPA	Matt Carr	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
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DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Shirley Marquardt	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
Aleut Regional Native Corporation/ANC office		Fax		561-4300	563-4328
St. George Traditional Council	Maxim Malavansky Jr	Fax		859-2447	859-2251
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