

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: F/S *Nelson Star* Heavy Oil Release **SITREP #:** 1 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 11259927101 **LEDGER CODE:** Requested

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: ADEC received a report that the freight ship *Nelson Star* spilled heavy fuel oil while moored at the Unalaska City Dock at around 2:15 PM on September 28, 2011. ADEC received the spill report at 3:05 PM on the same day.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on September 29, 2011

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: An estimated 150 gallons of heavy fuel oil was released to the environment.

LOCATION: City Dock, Unalaska

CAUSE OF SPILL: The cause of the release is currently unknown and is under investigation by ADEC and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Star Reefers Shipowing Inc.

RESPONSE ACTION:

The RP hired O'Brien's Group to manage the spill response. The O'Brien's Group subcontracted Alaska Chadux Corporation (Chadux) who has spill response resources in Dutch Harbor. Chadux immediately deployed containment boom around the vessel and the dock to contain the oil. The majority of the oil released has been contained between the dock and the vessel, with a reported light sheen reaching the nearby shoreline. Absorbent materials and a disk skimmer are currently being used to recover oil within the containment boom. Chadux response personnel are also using sorbent pads and booms to cleanup sheens outside of the boomed area and impacted shorelines. Additional response personnel and gear are scheduled to arrive on scene today.

USCG from MSD Unalaska is on scene monitoring the cleanup operations.

SOURCE CONTROL: The source of the spill is unknown and the oil spill is not continuous. Containment booms have been deployed around the vessel and the dock to prevent further contamination.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Iliukliuk Bay. There have been no reports of oiled wildlife.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Continue recovery and cleanup operations. ADEC will continue to closely monitor the situation and make recommendations as necessary until cleanup operations are completed.

WEATHER: Today: Rain, highs 47 °F, Southwest wind 10 to 35 mph, lows 42 °F. Tomorrow: showers likely, highs in the mid to upper 40 °F, northwest wind 25 to 35 mph with gusts to 65 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jeremy Michaels, O'Brien's Group
F.O.S.C.: Petty Officer Peter Whale, USCG
S.O.S.C.: Steve Russell, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brown, ADEC, 907-269-7688 or Gay Harpole, ADEC 907-269-3064

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