

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Selendang Ayu

SITREP #: 41

SPILL NUMBER: 04259934301

LEDGER CODE: 14142160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The M/V Selendang Ayu grounded around 6:00 PM, December 8, 2004 on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 1:00 PM January 10, 2005.

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM January 11, 2005.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Fuel on board the vessel at the time of this incident was 424,000 gallons of intermediate fuel oil (IFO 380) and 18,000 gallons of marine diesel oil. The midsection fuel tank ruptured when the vessel broke apart and released an estimated 40,131 gallons of IFO 380. The status of the centerline IFO fuel tanks #1 and #3 (originally estimated to contain 176,473 gallons and 104,448 gallons respectively) remains unknown at this time. The actual amount of spilled fuel is also unknown.

LOCATION: The vessel's position is at 53° 38' 04" N, 167° 07' 30" W on Unalaska Island between Skan Bay and Spray Cape. This site is approximately 25 miles in a direct line or 50 sea miles from Dutch Harbor.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The Coast Guard reported at 7:14 PM, December 8, 2004 that the vessel had broken in half.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ayu Navigation Snd, Bhd, Port Klang, Malaysia. The operator is IMC Shipping.

RESPONSE ACTIONS: Today's response activities will include over flights, shoreline assessment/cleanup, vessel lightering, water quality sampling and wildlife recovery operations. The shoreline assessment team will survey Humpback 1 and Portage Bay 13, 14 and 15 segments. Cleanup teams will be in Skan Bay 8, 11 and 14 and Humpback Bay 11 and 12. Crews continue to maintain boom and cleanup shoreline where the weather allows. The lightering team will continue to remove IFO from tank #4 starboard and continue preparations to pump from the IFO #4 port tank on the stern of the vessel.

On-water Response: There is no change in the status on 1/9/05. The barge Kashoga with two Marco skimmers and the Current Buster system aboard the Western Viking vessel are on scene ready for deployment.

Shoreline Cleanup: On 1/9/05 nine shoreline cleanup crews worked in Skan Bay 8, 14, and 18, Humpback Bay 11 and 12. 1,587 bags of oily waste were collected as a result of the cleanup on 1/9/05. The total of oily solid waste collected is 10,772 bags (179 cubic yards).

Salvage and Lightering Operations: On 1/9/05 the lightering team removed 9,745 gallons of IFO 380 from the IFO tank #4 on the starboard side of the stern of the vessel. The IFO tank #4 was initially estimated to hold 29,000 gallons of IFO on the starboard side of the stern of the vessel and is reported to be nearly empty. The total volume lightered from the vessel to date is 33,768 gallons of IFO and 1,309 gallons of diesel for a total of 35,077 gallons of IFO/diesel as of close of operations on 1/9/05. Preparations were made in the IFO tank #4 on the port side of the stern section for pumping today.

Vessel Status: There is no change in the status as of 1/9/05. On 1/5/05 the USCG reported that a hole was observed on the starboard bow immediately below the name Selendang Ayu. The stern section remains hard aground and has a 3-degree port side list. The Unified Command continues to ascertain the condition and contents of #1 and #3 centerline tanks.

Wildlife: On 1/9/05 wildlife recovery operations collected 26 oiled bird carcasses. USFWS reported that the total numbers of dead birds recovered were 572. To date, 29 live oiled birds have been captured and sent for rehabilitation. The International Bird Rescue and Research Center released 10 of the rehabilitated birds from Whittier. To date, 5 sea otter carcasses including two skeletons (cause of deaths unknown) have been recovered.

Commercial Fishery: On 1/9/05, a water sampling survey was conducted according to the ongoing Unalaska Bay Water Quality Sampling Program. A fine mesh tow net is being used to sample for tar balls, tar patties, fresh oil, mousse, or other forms of whole oil. See the Unified Command website for fisheries fact sheets and particulars on the closure of all state waters of the Makushin Bay and Skan Bay areas of the eastern Aleutian District and the Sampling Plan.

Staffing: Six ADEC staff, two ADEC term contractors, and several other State responders are currently in Dutch Harbor. Additional State spill response staff including ADEC, ADNRR, ADFG, and the Attorney General offices outside of Dutch Harbor are actively engaged in supporting the response.

SOURCE CONTROL: On 1/3/05 lightering operations on the starboard side on the stern of the vessel began and are ongoing as weather conditions permit. See Salvage and Lightering Operations paragraph.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Resources at risk in the area include marine mammals, marine birds, shellfish and anadromous streams. ADF&G and USFWS are assessing the areas impacted. The protection of cultural resources continues to be a high priority for the Unified Command.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Safety of response personnel remains the highest priority for the Unified Command. Protection of sensitive areas, wildlife, shoreline cleanup, on-water recovery, and lightering/salvage continue as weather permits. On 1/9/2005 the Planning section started working on the Spring/Summer Operations Plan. Public meetings are now being held in Unalaska on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

WEATHER: Today: Mostly cloudy, high overcast with a low overcast southwest of the wreck, highs near 43°, south wind 15 to 20 KT, and seas 2-3 feet. Tonight: Partly cloudy, lows near 38°, south wind 20 to 30 KT, and seas 2-4 feet.

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Photographs, press releases and other spill information are available at: <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/selendang>

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