

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

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Monarch Sinking

SITREP #:6

SPILL NUMBER: 09239901501

LEDGER CODE: 14124160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: 5:30 AM on January 15, 2009.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on Monday, June 15, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: Additional situation reports will be prepared when significant developments occur.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: Ocean Marine Services Incorporated (OMSI) reported the 166' offshore supply vessel M/V Monarch sank containing an estimated 34,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 690 gallons of lube oil, plus several totes and drums of chemicals manifested for delivery to platforms. Volume of oil spilled is unknown at this time.

LOCATION: Alongside the Granite Point Platform (60°57' 28" N, 151° 20' 02" W) in Central Cook Inlet.

CAUSE OF SPILL: When making a delivery to the Granite Point Platform, the M/V Monarch was pinned to the platform by sea ice and the hull on the port side was breached below the waterline causing the vessel to sink. The seven-member crew was able to evacuate to the platform and were then transferred from the platform to shore by helicopter.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Ocean Marine Services Incorporated (OMSI); Kirkland, WA.

RESPONSE ACTIONS: On June 12, 2009, The OSV Perseverance arrived on station to begin fuel recovery operations from the internal tanks on the M/V Monarch. Three dives were accomplished during slack tides beginning very early on the morning of Saturday June 13. Divers established a locate line to the M/V Monarch, cleared debris around the fuel tank access cover, and removed the deck cover on the port number one fuel tank. Divers then inserted a 2 inch flexible wand through the deck opening to the top of the fuel tank and began fuel recovery operations. On the fourth dive, approximately 1250 gallons of fluids were recovered, of which 950 gallons was diesel fuel, and the remainder sea water. At approximately 8:20 PM on Saturday June 13, the mooring system holding the OSV Perseverance in place failed in an estimated four knots of flood tide current. The OSV Perseverance was able to establish position on the east side of the Granite Point platform to await a slack current to begin safe recovery of the mooring system and disconnect from the platform. This was accomplished just after midnight and the OSV Perseverance then departed the area for Nikiski Bay.

A Unified Command meeting was held at 9:30 PM on June 13th and again on June 14, where it was determined that, due to safety concerns, recovery operations would cease until all safety and engineering concerns could be addressed. Ocean Marine Services Inc. is examining all options, including a stronger mooring system and/or a replacement vessel for the 207 foot OSV Perseverance which displaces 2158 tons and draws 15 feet of water. The vessel's deep draft means that it is more susceptible to current forces.

The SPT Vigilance, with oil spill response equipment will remain in the immediate area of the Granite Point Platform during fuel recovery operations. A non-recoverable sheen was last sighted January 17, 2009. No additional oil sheening has been observed since that time.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Waters of Cook Inlet.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Currently, engineering studies to design adequate mooring systems are being conducted as well as researching replacement vessel availability. The final disposition of the fuel and lube oils has yet to be determined. The Responsible Party has contracted with Global Diving and Salvage to assist in determining options for final disposition of the vessel. A Salvage/Recovery plan will be prepared for review by the Unified Command, once all fuel and lube oils are recovered from the vessel.

WEATHER: TODAY....Variable wind 10 KT becoming SW 15 KT or less in the afternoon. Seas 1 FT building to 3 FT.

TONIGHT THROUGH FRIDAY...SW wind 15 KT. Seas 4 FT.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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OSV Perseverance on station over the M/V Monarch
Saturday June 13, 2009