

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Barge AK 7272 P Partial Sinking Whittier Harbor    **SITREP #:** 2 and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 09239906801    **LEDGER CODE:** None

**TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT:** Barge AK 7272 P sank while moored at Whittier Small Boat Harbor at approximately 8:00 AM on March 09, 2009. The incident was reported to ADEC at 8:15 AM by the Whittier Harbor staff.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 2:00 PM, March 12, 2009

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** None, this is the final sitrep.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The ADEC response staff on scene estimated a release of less than one gallon of residual oil from the sunken barge. Approximately 30 gallons of diesel were retained in the crane's tank to operate the spuds (an anchoring system) for its transit to Valdez for safety reasons.

**LOCATION:** Whittier Small Boat Harbor breakwater barrier, Whittier

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** Under investigation by the owner and the US Coast Guard (USCG)

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Harris Sand & Gravel, Valdez.

**RESPONSE ACTIONS:** The diver identified three one half-inch holes in the starboard section of the barge. These were repaired by placing steel plating on both sides, bolting them together, and covering them with patching material. On March 11, 2009 the USCG inspected and approved the temporary patch on the barge and allowed it to transit to Valdez for permanent repairs. Today at 4:00 AM the Barge AK 7272 P and the Tug Ranger departed on the outgoing high tide and are expected to arrive in Valdez at approximately 5:00 PM. The ADEC spill response boom was cleaned, dried and placed back into the spill response container.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Fuel tanks on board the barge were not compromised. Nine hundred gallons of diesel fuel were removed from the barge. An additional 90 gallons of lube and miscellaneous oil contaminants were also removed from the barge.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** There have been no reports of impacted wildlife.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Permanent repairs to the hull of the Barge AK 7272 P to be completed in Valdez.

**WEATHER:** Today: Snow and rain, with snow accumulation 1 inch, north to west winds 10-20 mph, temperature in the 30s. Forecast tonight: Snow likely with an accumulation of 2 inches, lows 20s, north to west winds 10-20 mph.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL**

F.O.S.C. :	Captain Mark Hamilton, (USCG)
S.O.S.C. :	Gary Folley, (ADEC)
R.P.I.C. :	Bill Harris, (PRP)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Sielaff, ADEC, 269-7532

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Deck Barge AK 7272 P Whittier Small Boat Harbor, photo provided by USCG 3/11/09