

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 #: 2

SPILL NUMBER: 09239901501

LEDGER CODE: 14124160

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: 5:30 AM on January 15, 2009. The incident was reported to ADEC by Chevron at 07:30 AM on January 15, 2009.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 11:30 AM January 16, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: 11:00 AM January 20, 2009

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: 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 spill is unknown at this time.

LOCATION: Alongside the Granite Point Platform (60°57' 28" N, 151° 20' 02" W) in 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 began 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: Crew members were evacuated to the Granite Point platform and then to Offshore Systems Kenai (OSK) Heliport onshore along with eight non-essential platform personnel. Six platform personnel are still on the Granite Point platform. The platform is operating at reduced status at this time.

At 12:08 PM on January 15, the M/V Monarch sank.

The USCG Cutter Hickory and the M/V Champion are on location near the Granite Point platform with side scan sonar to assess the integrity of the platform legs and associated pipeline, and will be making an attempt to locate the sunken vessel as conditions allow today. Ice, winds and currents in the inlet are of concern for operations.

An over-flight was being conducted this morning at daybreak to look for any trace of oil sheen or debris from the sunken vessel.

SOURCE CONTROL: None at this time

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Waters of Cook Inlet

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Responsible Party has contracted with Global Diving and Salvage and they are currently preparing a salvage plan and making efforts to locate a suitable dive and salvage platform. The primary objective of the salvors is locating the vessel and securing it in place to prevent possible damage to oil platforms and sub-sea pipelines. The contracted spill response contractor, Chadux, currently has personnel at the command center in Nikiski.

WEATHER: Cook Inlet forecast for January 16, 2009, is for temperatures in the upper 30s to upper 40s with NE wind 40 KT and gusts to 75 KT coming out of Turnagain Arm. Rain showers are expected.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

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