

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 #: 3

SPILL NUMBER: 09239901501

LEDGER CODE: 14124160

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

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 12:00 PM; January 20, 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 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 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: The Monarch was discovered by sonar on 01/17/2009 near the southwest leg of the platform. Over the previous three days, sonar imagery has revealed that the vessel is stationary and no longer moving. Global Diving and Salvage in cooperation with naval architects have determined that the tidal forces on the vessel in its present position and orientation are not substantial enough to move the vessel from its current location. Their assessment is being sent to the Coast Guard Marine Safety Center for confirmation. Side scan sonar and fixed beam sonar equipment are being installed on the Granite Point platform for long-term monitoring of the sunken vessel's orientation and stability.

The Granite Point Platform, operated by Chevron/UOCC activated emergency "shut-in" procedures at the time of the incident, including flushing the oil pipeline with seawater. The platform was re-started on 01/20/2009 at 5:00 AM.

A spill response package containing viscous sweep and sorbent material is currently staged on the M/V Champion for response to recoverable amounts of oil that may seep from the sunken vessel. Additional response equipment is available at the OSK Lines dock in Nikiski, 16 miles away. At this time the Champion is also retaining their side sonar scan capability. A non-recoverable sheen was last sighted Saturday. No additional oil sheening has been seen since that time.

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 for the salvage of the vessel, and has hired Alaska Chadux Corp. to provide spill response capabilities. The Incident Command Post is currently being transferred to the OSK facility in Nikiski.

An "Ice Season Monitoring Plan" is being prepared for the continuing evaluation of the vessel's position and stability. The monitoring will allow the salvors time to develop a suitable salvage plan. Salvage is expected to take place when ice conditions no longer present a safety hazard to responders or operations.

WEATHER: Cook Inlet forecast for January 20, 2009, is for temperatures in the upper 30s with light NE wind. Overcast with rain/snow are expected. On scene sea ice conditions vary greatly with the tides. Sea ice will continue to deteriorate in temperatures in the upper 20's

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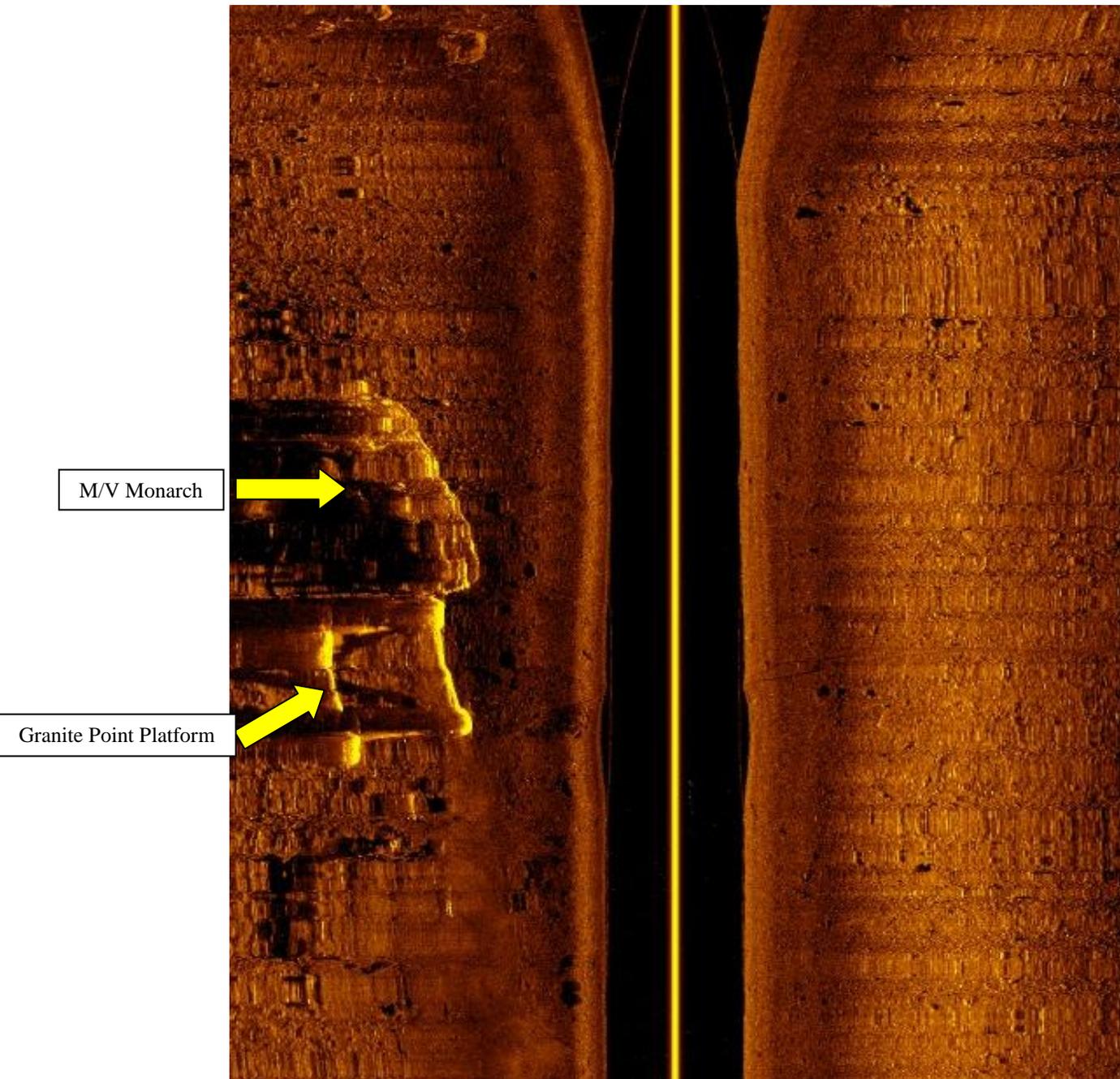
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Sonar Image of Monarch on South side of Granite Point Platform