

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Tug Twilite Grounding, Wood River

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 08269928101

LEDGER CODE: Not requested

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The tug ran aground at approximately 10:00 PM on October 7, 2008. The incident was reported to ADEC at 8:20 AM on October 8, 2008 by Crowley Marine Services.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on October 8, 2008

TIME/DATE OF NEXT REPORT: 1:00 PM on October 10, 2008

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The spill volume is unknown; the tugs crew pumped water from the engine space immediately after the incident. Crowley Marine Services reported that there is an estimated 1,925 gallons of diesel fuel and 30 gallons of lube oil on board the tug. The engine room is flooded with an estimated 3000 gallon of oily water in the engine space. During the incident the Tug Twilite was pushing the 105 foot fuel barge Sea Lite 1. The fuel barge is empty and safely anchored.

LOCATION: Wood River, approximately half a mile downriver from the Aleknagik Lake. Coordinates for the grounding location are 59° 16.2 North Latitude, 158° 35 West Longitude.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The US Coast Guard is investigating the cause of the incident.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Crowley Marine Services

RESPONSE ACTION: The fuel barge Sea Lite 1 is anchored down river from the grounding location. The tug's crew was able to inspect and make temporary repairs to the damaged area in the engine space and have reported that the tug is stable. Soundings by the tug crew indicate that the flooding is isolated to the engine room. Containment boom has been placed around the tug from the fuel barge.

The tug Belya Kuropatka (BK) has been dispatched from New Stuyahok to assist in the refloating of the Tug Twilite and is expected to arrive at 1:00 AM on October 10, 2008 on the evening high tide,

Alaska CHADUX has been contacted and is standing by in case additional spill response support is needed.

SOURCE CONTROL: A temporary patch has been placed over the 3"x18" hole.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: None reported at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Crowley Marine Services will develop and submit a salvage plan to the US Coast Guard for approval. The Salvage plan will address the removal of the fuel and oily water prior to refloating the tug. Tug transit plans will also be submitted for the US Coast Guard's approval. The tug's crew will closely monitor the tug's stability and make notifications if the situation changes.

Additional boom has been ordered to boom the barge also.

The US Coast Guard has dispatched an investigation team to the incident location and are expected to arrive later this afternoon. ADEC will continue to monitor the situation and provide additional support as needed.

WEATHER: Partly clouding with patchy morning fog, highs in the 30s variable winds 10 mph becoming East 15 mph in the afternoon.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Walt Tague, Crowley Marine Services
 F.O.S.C. Commander Joe Losciuto, USCG Sector Anchorage
 S.O.S.C. Gary Folley, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brown, at (907) 269-7688

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