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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V Lituya Grounding   **SITREP #**: 3rd and final

SPILL NUMBER: 09119903001   **LEDGER CODE**: 14218080

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: The United States Coast Guard (USCG) received a report that the M/V Lituya was floating free at 12:51 AM on January 30, 2009. The vessel was reported aground at 2:00 AM on January 30, 2009. The USCG reported the incident to ADEC at 2:10 AM.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 2:00 PM on February 2, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: This is the final report.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The amount of product spilled is unknown at this time. The vessel was carrying 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel, approximately 800 gallons of lube oil, and an unknown quantity of hydraulic oil at the time of the incident. A small quantity of diesel fuel was discharged from the vessel's fuel tank vents as it heeled over. An undetermined quantity of anti-freeze was discharged from the vessel's keel coolers that were damaged when the vessel grounded.

LOCATION: Scrub Island in Port Chester near Metlakatla, Alaska.

CAUSE OF SPILL: High winds caused the State ferry Lituya to part its 3 wires and single mooring line at the Alaska Marine Highway System terminal in Metlakatla. The vessel was blown approximately 1.2km to the North and grounded on Scrub Island.   There were no passengers or crew onboard the vessel at the time of the incident.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF), Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS).

RESPONSE ACTION: A Unified Command was established with representatives from ADEC, the USCG and the DOTPF. The Southeast Alaska Petroleum Resource Organization (SEAPRO) was activated by the DOTPF and responded to the incident. The captain of the M/V Lituya, Capt. Booth, arrived on scene via a private boat at 5:00 AM and reported that the stern was aground and damage was visible but no fuel was leaking from the vessel. Two USCG marine investigators boarded the M/V Lituya and conducted an initial vessel assessment at approximately 8:00 AM. The keel coolers were breached and leaking antifreeze. The vessel hull was damaged but not breached.

Following the plan approved by the Unified Command, approximately 540 gallons of diesel oil were lightered from the vessel to SEAPRO's response barge ORB 2 by 1:15 PM, January 30, 2009. The vessel began to lift from the rocks at approximately 1:15 PM and floated free from Scrub Island at 2:12 PM. Per the salvage plan approved by the Unified Command, the M/V Lituya underwent internal and underwater inspections to determine its seaworthiness for transit to the Alaska Ship and Drydock (ASD) in Ketchikan, Alaska.   No significant damage was identified by either the Alaska Commercial Diving crew or the USCG marine inspectors.

The Unified Command determined that the M/V Lituya was capable of a safe transit and she departed Scrub Island under tow of the tug Muzon at 4:00 PM. The M/V Lituya arrived in Ketchikan and was secured at the ASD facilities at 7:45 PM, January 30, 2009. The M/V Lituya is scheduled to enter the ASD dry dock on February 12, 2009 and her repairs should be completed in two weeks.

SOURCE CONTROL: There is no indication of damage to the fuel tanks.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: None reported at this time.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The vessel will undergo repairs at the ASD and return to service.

WEATHER: N/A

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

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