

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Gypsy Queen Oil Spill - Removal Polrep
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region X

Subject: POLREP #1
Initial
Gypsy Queen Oil Spill

Everett, WA
Latitude: 47.9877390 Longitude: -122.1555880

To:
From: Calvin Terada, OSC
Date: 12/25/2011
Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	Contract Number:
D.O. Number:	Action Memo Date:
Response Authority: OPA	Response Type: Emergency
Response Lead: EPA	Incident Category: Removal Assessment
NPL Status: Non NPL	Operable Unit:
Mobilization Date: 12/24/2011	Start Date: 12/24/2011
Demob Date:	Completion Date:
CERCLIS ID:	RCRIS ID:
ERNS No.:	State Notification: 12/24/2011
FPN#: E12005	Reimbursable Account #:

1.1.1 Incident Category

Oil Spill

1.1.2 Site Description

Sunken 93 foot pleasure craft moored at the location of the address as indicated.

1.1.2.1 Location

5501 12th Street SE, Everett, WA 99201

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

At 1717 PST on 12/24/2011, a 93 foot pleasure craft (Gypsy Queen) sunk in Steamboat Slough, a fork of the Snohomish River. At the time of the reporting, a light sheen of diesel fuel was seen discharging from the vessel, but appears to have stopped at this time. With high tide estimated to occur at 2100 PST on 12/24/2011, the development of a tactical plan, by the Washington State Department of Ecology, for conducting a pollution assessment and source removal, will be finalized at a later time.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

At 2000 PST on 12/24/2011, an updated situation report was sent by Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) responders to EPA Region 10. The pleasure craft (Gypsy Queen) was confirmed to be 93 feet in length and it is suspected to have very little oil or hazmat product on-board as all three engines have been removed from the vessel. Ecology responders believe that the vessel was towed to the current location.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

Washington State Department of Ecology responders (Shannon Cline and Buck Smith) are responding to the sunken vessel and will be overseeing an assessment conducted by Global Diving and Salvage.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

An assessment to determine the potential pollution threat left onboard the sunken vessel will be conducted by Washington State Department of Ecology responders.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

Unknown at this time, but Washington State Department of Ecology responders may be able to provide the information.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

A complete assessment of the sunken vessel is expected to occur on 12/25/2011.

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Once an assessment is complete, response and removal activities will be determined. It appears that, as of 2200 PST on 12/24/2011, that the diesel sheen that was once seen has stopped.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

To be determined.

2.2.2 Issues

Given that the vessel has sunk and is currently listing, it may be difficult to conduct a complete assessment. Once Washington State Department of Ecology responders can complete their assessment, a better operational picture can be developed.

2.3 Logistics Section

N/A

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

2.5.1 Safety Officer

N/A

2.5.2 Liaison Officer

N/A

2.5.3 Information Officer

A press release was issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology. A copied was received by EPA Region 10.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

Washington State Department of Ecology is currently working in single Incident Command with consultation and support by EPA Region 10.

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

NOAA Hazmat, Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound, and US Department of Interior all have been notified and provided support and/or information to assist with this response.

4. Personnel On Site

None

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.