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Fact Sheet

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Amount of Spill

- TT Carrier has a capacity of 5.9 million gallons.
- The capacity of the affected tank is approximately 2.9 million gallons.
- As of 2 p.m., the estimate of oil spilled was 840,000 gallons.
- As of 2 p.m., approximately 210,000 gallons have been accounted for.

Dispersants

- Dispersants are an effective means to treat the oil in the open sea.
- Unified Command is determining whether the use of dispersants will be effective. Any decision to do so, will take environmental concerns into consideration.
- As of 2 p.m., no dispersants have been used.

Flight Controls

- As a safety precaution, FAA granted a unified command request for a temporary flight restricted area over the collision site. The restricted area has a 10,000 feet ceiling and a 5,000 feet radius.
- The temporary flight restricted area was requested for safety reasons since a number of response craft will be flying in the area. The restriction allows unified command to safely control air traffic over the site.

Health Impact

- At this point, as the oil is far from populated areas, there is no concern for public health.
- Responders are equipped with the proper gear.

Incident Basics

- At approximately, 6:05 a.m., June 12, 2013, TT Carrier, a double-hull tanker owned by SeaRiver Maritime Inc., collided with Shanghai XP, a dry cargo ship, while making its approach to San Francisco, CA.
- The site of the collision was 37 degrees – 34.2 minutes North and 123 degrees – 03.0 minutes West.
- Damage limited to two ballast tanks and a single cargo tank, Number 5 Starboard. The incident resulted in a partial release of oil from this cargo tank.
- Two crew members were treated for first-aid injuries, and both have returned to work.
- TT Carrier continues to be stable and have full propulsion, steering and pumping capabilities.
- TT Carrier has steered to a safe distance from the Shanghai XT and is intending to stand in place while assessments are being made.
- Federal, state and local authorizes were contacted as required.
- Emergency responders are on-site assessing the situation.

Oil Slick Trajectory

- An oil slick of undetermined size has been observed around the collision site.
- The trajectory of its movement will shift with changes to wind and current direction. Unified Command is projecting its movement. These projections will be used to determine the placement of response personnel and equipment.
- As of 2 p.m., the slick is expected to move north and west.
- Unified Command will continue to release more information about its size and direction as it is confirmed.

Response Actions

- The response plan for both recovering the oil and salvaging and repairing the tanker is being determined by Unified Command.
- As of 2 p.m., three vessels were skimming oil from the spill site. Ten additional vessels have been deployed to do additional skimming.
- The Unified Command is planning for booming in front of sensitive areas up and down the coast that may be affected.
- 30,000 feet of boom have been ordered. 17,000 feet assigned, but none has been deployed because the site is deemed an “open-sea” situation.
- 3,000 feet of fire boom have been ordered as a contingency in case Unified Command decides to conduct an in-situ burn.
- 30 vessels ordered, 10 deployed
- 294 personnel working in the fields
- 253 personnel working in the command center
- 750 “boots on the beach” ready to work cleanup

Type of Oil

- The TT Carrier was carrying Alaska North Slope Crude.
- Alaska North Slope Crude blends are considered Group III oil products and considered medium grade.

Unified Command

- A unified command structure has been developed including representatives from the United States Coast Guard, State of California Fish and Wildlife, county and local officials and Sea River Maritime.
- The Unified Command will supervise all actions and decisions regarding the emergency response.

Wildlife

- The Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) has been activated, and their trained personnel will be on-scene today to provide initial veterinary care.
- A mobile oiled wildlife care trailer has been dispatched to where oiled animals will be stabilized before they are transported to the SF Bay Oiled Wildlife Care and Education Center.
- As of 2 p.m., no oiled wildlife have been reported.
- Only trained wildlife specialist should handle oiled wildlife. The public is asked to contact the Claims number, 877-UCD-OWLN or 877-823-6926.

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