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UNIFIED COMMAND
NEWS RELEASE #1

At approximately 0330 PST today, the Arctic Dancer, a U.S. flag vessel operated by Alaska Tanker Company (ATC) was involved in a collision with another vessel resulting in the release of oil from the number 5 port tank with a potential of 25,200,000 gallons of Alaska North Slope crude oil. The collision occurred approximately 32 miles southwest of Pillar Point, CA.

A fire broke out at 0345 PST but was contained by the crew at 0450 PST.

A Unified Command, led by representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, State of California, local authorities and BP has been established to manage the incident response. Response equipment and personnel are en route to the scene.

ATC has notified Federal, State, and local officials and is coordinating with them as appropriate. ATC will fully cooperate with these federal, state and local authorities to respond to and investigate this incident.

At the time of the incident, the Arctic Dancer was loaded with 25,200,000 gallons of crude oil and was en route to the Chevron Long Warf terminal in Richmond, California to discharge the cargo.

There are no reported injuries to the crew at this time.

No wildlife impact has been reported. If you encounter animals that may have been impacted, do not approach them and call the Oil Wildlife Care Network at 1-800-UCD-OWCN.

The State of California has also launched a website with further details of the response activities underway – visit <https://calspillwatch.dfg.ca.gov>.

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