



Incident Report: Davy Crockett Emergency Response

(Information is considered to be accurate at the time of posting, but is subject to change as new information becomes available.)

Update as of July 18, 2011

Incident duration:	173 days
Personnel Currently Assigned	35 response contractors, federal & state
Injuries	0
Total oil water mixture recovered to date	1.6 million gallons*
Total steel removed	3.9 million pounds
Debris and oiled debris removed	738,202 pounds
Bunker oil recovered	13,334 gallons
Asbestos removed	4,850 pounds
Samples analyzed to date (e.g. water, oil sediment)	179
Obligated costs to date (including coffer dam construction)	\$16.6 million
* This figure represents the amount of oily water mixture that has been recovered directly from the Barge Davy Crockett during response operations. An initial unrecovered release of an estimated 70 gallons of oil was documented on January 27, 2011 the day the vessel was discovered to be leaking oil.	

OPERATIONS UPDATE – July 18, 2011

Dive teams continued to prep the tops of the forward port and starboard deep tanks on Monday, July 18. Divers, however, have run into more structural framing than anticipated and are taking extra caution and time to prepare these pieces for removal. These sections of the deep tanks are scheduled to be removed on Tuesday.

Sample results of the liquid collected from the aft deep tanks are expected Tuesday or Wednesday and will determine pumping operations. Top-side crews on the cleaning barge Chetco barge pressured washed steel removed from the Davy Crockett last week and transferred it to the metal-holding barge Mark 3. Rain water from this weekend's heavy rainfall was pumped from the deck of the Chetco into the water filtration system.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

All activities involving the destruction and removal of the Davy Crockett are designed to minimize environmental impacts. The impermeable oil and silt barrier inside the metal cofferdam along with sorbent oil collection booms have prevented tar balls and oil sheen from discharging into the Columbia River downstream of the work site. Oil containment boom is deployed outside the cofferdam as a preventative measure in case there is a release of oil from the work site. Additional on-water oil recovery resources and oil containment boom are staged nearby as further protection.

Water quality samples upstream, downstream and inside the cofferdam are being collected on a periodic basis in order to evaluate the effectiveness of work activities to minimize water pollution. After the Davy Crockett is removed, sediment samples will be collected inside the cofferdam to determine if sediment cleanup is needed before the cofferdam is removed.

Water and residual oil that is generated from pumping out holds and tanks of the Davy Crockett, plus wash water from cleaning operations and stormwater collected on the Davy Crockett and work barges is put through an on-site water filtration system. The filtered water is then stored on-site pending final disposal through the city of Portland's wastewater treatment system.



Diver on the access ladder to the submerged bow section of the Davy Crockett. (7/16/11)

The Washington Department of Ecology has taken responsibility for the cost of the wastewater storage and disposal of the filtered wastewater that will be generated during the rest of the project. Ecology decided to take this action rather than agree to the discharge of filtered water directly back into the river, an option preferred by the Coast Guard. While the Coast Guard has consistently maintained environmental protection as a priority, Ecology determined that storing this filtered wastewater and delivering it to an upland treatment system provided the highest level of protection of the river and is consistent with Washington State water quality program requirements.

DAVY CROCKETT HISTORY

The Davy Crockett is a former Navy Liberty Ship that was converted to a flat deck barge. As with many aging vessels, ownership has changed several times over the years. The most recent ownership change is believed to have occurred in mid-2010. The vessel is located on Washington state-owned aquatic lands.

For up to date information, refer to the Ecology website at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/incidents/DavyCrockett/DavyCrockett.html>