

Akademik Ioffe (2018)

Location: Kugaaruk, NU
Case number: 120-820-R

The Incident

On August 24, 2018, the Russian-flagged, 6,450 GT, cruise ship *Akademik Ioffe* ran aground near Kugaaruk, Nunavut. Two Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) icebreakers headed to the area to offer assistance. On August 25, 2018, all passengers were safely transferred to the *Akademik Ioffe*'s sistership *Akademik Sergey Vavilov* which was shadowing. A spokesperson with the Search and Rescue Region Trenton said that the vessel was taking on water, but she was in a stable condition and did not constitute any immediate danger. On August 25, 2018, the Vessel was refloated and escorted to a yard for temporary repairs.

Measures taken by the Administrator

When informed of the incident, the Office of the Administrator contacted counsel for the insurer who advised that the vessel must proceed to Verreault Navigation's Shipyard in Les Méchins, QC.

In September 2018, the Office of the Administrator contacted the CCG in order to get an estimate cost for response operations. Having received the requested information from CCG, the Administrator retained counsel who reached out to the insurer of the charterer seeking security. On December 13, 2018, a Letter of Undertaking in the amount of \$470,000 was received from the insurer.

The Claim

As of March 31, 2019, no claim has yet been filed with the Administrator.

Status

The file remains open.