

## **George H. Ledcor (2018)**

Location: Deering Island, Vancouver, BC

Case number: 120-806-R

### **The Incident**

On August 13, 2018, the 81-tonne Canadian-flagged tugboat, *George H. Ledcor* capsized and sank off Deering Island in the Fraser River. The *George H. Ledcor* was successfully raised following a salvage effort on August 16, 2018.

The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) responded to the incident and pumped out the tug into barges for appropriate disposal. Furthermore, the CCG advised the media that they had used pollution containment and recovery equipment, and that absorbent booms had been deployed. CCG advised that it remained in place until the tug was towed for removal from the marine environment.

According to CCG, the tugboat had a fuel capacity of 22,000 litres. It remained unclear how much fuel was spilled into the river.

### **Measures taken by the Administrator**

When informed of the incident, the Office of the Administrator contacted the CCG and the British Columbia Ministry of Environment in order to get an estimate cost of the response operation so that the Administrator could demand security from the shipowner.

In October 2018, in-house counsel for the Administrator reached out to the counsel for the P&I club demanding security. In December 2018, the P&I counsel advised that they had approached the relevant government agencies for information as to the amount of their claims and that they would make recommendations with respect to Letters of Undertaking from the club once this information was provided.

As of March 31, 2019, the Administrator had not yet been provided with security

### **The Claim**

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

### **Status**

The file remains open.