

Pitts Carillon (CCG Claim) (2017)

Location: Picton Bay, Prince Edward County, Ontario

Case number: 120-740-C1-1

The Incident

On March 24, 2017, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) received a report that the spud barge *Pitts Carillon* was taking on water at the Picton Terminals Dock, in Picton Bay, Prince Edward County.

The barge was equipped with a 4,000-litre capacity diesel tank and a small machinery space to house a generator and a hydraulic power pack, all for the functioning of onboard machinery.

CCG Environmental Response personnel were dispatched from a base in Prescott to the scene to conduct an initial assessment. They remained on site to continue monitoring for any pollution damage. Oil response efforts were led by the Eastern Canada Response Corporation, but CCG also deployed substantial quantities of boom. Contracted divers reported that no pollution was coming from the barge, though a sheen was sighted on the water and ice. The pollutants released on the day of the sinking totalled approximately 50 litres in volume and no further discharge occurred.

McKeil Marine led the salvage efforts. On April 1, 2017, the barge was raised. It was towed from the site two days later.

Measures taken by the Administrator

In June 2018, counsel for the Administrator sent a demand letter to the shipowner in order to obtain security. The shipowner commenced a limitation action and the Administrator was served in July 2018.

The Claim

On November 22, 2018, CCG on behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO/CCG) filed a claim with the Administrator for costs and expenses incurred to respond to the incident in the amount of \$77,347.18, pursuant to sections 101 and 103 of the *Marine Liability Act*.

The Administrator determined that the claim was admissible under Part 7 of the Act.

Assessment and Offer

On January 23, 2019, DFO/CCG submitted a revised narrative for its claim.

On March 5, 2019, after investigation and assessment of the claim, the Administrator made an offer to DFO/CCG for the established amount of \$32,694.66, plus interest, pursuant to section 105 of the Act. On March 13, the offer was accepted by CCG. On March 18, 2019, a payment in the amount of \$35,037.93, including interest, was made to DFO/CCG.

Status

The file remains open.

Related Files

Pitts Carillon (2017), case number: 120-740-C1 (same incident, different claimant).