

Massive fuel spill caused by Alaskan crash

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VALDEZ, Alaska -- As much as 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel leaked into the waters off the coast of Alaska after a fishing boat ran aground last weekend. The Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News said Monday that when the Nordic Viking ran aground last weekend near Valdez, one of the vessel's storage tanks burst and leaked fuel into the surrounding water supply. U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue controller Ray Dwyer told the newspaper cleanup crews were attempting to contain the fuel released in Saturday's accident. "They plan to remove what fuel they can, make repairs and try to re-float it. The engine room is flooded," he told the Daily News. The four crew members of the grounded vessel were rescued by another fishing boat shortly after the crash. As workers attempted to contain the massive fuel spill, investigators continued to look into what may have caused the accident, the Daily News reported.

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