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**AMERICAN SALVAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS RESPOND TO
ATHOS I TANKER OIL LEAK ON DELAWARE RIVER**

Washington, DC - Several Members of the American Salvage Association (ASA) were contracted to assist in the case of the tanker *Athos I*, which began leaking oil as she entered a terminal off the Delaware River outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the evening of November 27, 2004. Three ASA General Members, along with an Associate Member, joined together to respond to the casualty.

The ASA members provided salvage assistance, as well as the pumping, lightering and removal of the crude oil. The *Athos I* is currently on even keel, and free of all cargo. At the direction of the U.S. Coast Guard, ASA members are working to patch the hull of the tanker and prepare her for dry dock.

“This marine emergency required a professional salvage response to quickly protect against further damage to the marine environment and surrounding environs,” said ASA President Dick Fairbanks. “ASA members came together to ensure this was another successful response,” he continued.

The American Salvage Association is a trade association promoting professionalism and improving marine casualty response in American coastal and inland waters.