

General Environmental Incident Summary

Incident: 3230 **Date/Time Notice:** 3/6/2014 16:50 **DEM Incident No:**

Responsible Party: Unknown

Date Incident: 3/6/2014 **Time Incident:** **Duration:**

County: McKenzie **Twp:** 150 **Rng:** 102 **Sec:** 1 **Qtr:**

Lat: 47.83975 **Long:** -103.69090 **Method:** Interpolation from map

Location Description: US 85 south of Alexander, ND
2 miles west on 29th Street NW.
Turn north on section line, no road.
0.4 miles north, across creek.
50 yards west of section line.

Submitted By: Rick Wightman **Affiliation:**

Address: 221 University Ave

Suite 203

City: Williston **State:** ND **Zip:**

Received By:

Contact Person:

Unknown

Unknown, ND

Distance Nearest Occupied Building: 2 Miles **Release Contained:** No

Type of Incident: Illegal Dumping

Description of Released Contaminant: Unknown, looks like tank bottoms

Volume Spilled: **Ag Related:** No

EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance: Unknown **Reported to NRC:** Unknown

Cause of Incident:

Appears to be illegal dumping.

Risk Evaluation:

None. Located in pasture land. 250 yards from surface water.

of Fatalities: 0 **# of Injuries:** 0 **Affected Medium:** 03 - soil

Potential Environmental Impacts:

Contaminated soil.

Action Taken or Planned:

None. Discovered by USG Wheatland Pipeline, LLC during commissioning of new pipeline.

Wastes Disposal Location: Unknown.

Agencies Involved:

Updates

Date: 3/6/2014 **Status:** Reviewed - Follow-up Required

Author: Roberts, Kris

Updated Volume:

Notes:

Possible illegal dumping or possible natural seep. Followup to determine and investigate is necessary.

Date: 3/7/2014 **Status:** Inspection

Author: Martin, Russell

Updated Volume:

Notes:

3/7/2014, at 11:15, on location. Met report contact and inspected site. Contact mentioned that, when the pipeline was first installed in December, there was no staining visible. Rust-colored ice is apparent, running in natural drainage to side of hill slope. Adjacent and uphill of stained ice is a bare patch of ground with white/gray crystallization on it. Sampled crystals at 11:42, and sampled ice at 12:04. Met with landowner and discussed the situation. Landowner wants land cleaned up if impacted by oil, but if this is a natural seep, landowner does not want any work done to it. Landowner mentioned area of stained ice has occasionally been wet for the past three years, primarily in the spring, with water running down and hitting a dirt berm adjacent to what used to be a crop field before flowing east to the fence line, now crossing where the pipeline ROW is located. One part of the stained area has no ice; here the dirt is stained a light brown. At the base of vegetation, it is a dark brown to black.

Date: 3/7/2014 **Status:** Awaiting Documentation

Author: Poppke, Ted

Updated Volume:

Notes:

As a followup to our phone communication yesterday afternoon, please see the event timeline below: In the process of commissioning the USG Wheatland oil pipeline in McKenzie County, ND, our line monitoring crew discovered oil on the pipeline ROW at 3:10 p.m. on 3/6/14.

- Monitor contacted me at 3:20 p.m. with observations.
- I travelled to the location and observed oil present on the ROW.
- I was able to track the source of the oil to a location approximately 50 yards west/northwest to patch of ground (apx 100'x100').
- Oil was observed; heavy concentrations over the entire area.
- The patch is at a higher grade than the pipeline ROW.
- A second patch was observed approx 20' further up the hill that had what appeared to be chlorides at the surface.
- I contacted your office at 4:45 p.m. 3/6/14 and informed you of my finding.
- At 4:55 p.m., I contacted Cody Vanderbusch, ND Industrial Commission and repeated my report.
- At 11 a.m. this morning, I led your inspector to the site and left him to conduct his investigation. I have attached photographs in this email and three additional emails to follow.

Should you require additional information please advise.

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Date: 3/7/2014 **Status:** Awaiting Documentation

Author: Poppke, Ted

Updated Volume:

Notes:

Added photos received via email from Rick Wightman.

Date: 8/11/2014 **Status:** Correspondence

Author: Martin, Russell

Updated Volume:

Notes:

Email to reporting party and landowner with sampling results.