

General Environmental Incident Summary

Incident: 5229 **Date/Time Notice:** 9/15/2016 19:05 **DEM Incident No:**

Responsible Party: Otter Tail Power Company

Date Incident: 9/15/2016 **Time Incident:** **Duration:**

County: Sargent **Twp:** 130 **Rng:** 54 **Sec:** 19 **Qtr:**

Lat: 46.05134 **Long:** -97.50878 **Method:** Interpolation from map

Location Description: Rutland. Nearest intersection is 1st street and Cooper street

Submitted By: Paul Vukonich

Affiliation:

Address: PO Box 496

City: Fergus Falls

State: MN

Zip:

Received By:

Contact Person:

PO Box 496
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Distance Nearest Occupied Building:

Release Contained: Yes

Type of Incident: Transformer Oil

Description of Released Contaminant: Transformer Oil

Volume Spilled: 25.00 gallons

Ag Related: No

EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance: No

Reported to NRC: No

Cause of Incident:

Farmer's equipment pulled down power line and adjacent poles causing two polemount transformers to fall to the ground. The accident started a fire and caused a power outage. PCB content of oil is currently unknown.

Risk Evaluation:

Fire was extinguished. No immediate risks known

of Fatalities:

of Injuries:

Affected Medium: 03 - soil

Potential Environmental Impacts:

spill contained to surrounding soil. PCB content unknown at this time.

Action Taken or Planned:

Crew currently work to restore power and clean up damaged equipment. After damaged equipment is removed the site will be assessed for spill cleanup.

Wastes Disposal Location:

Agencies Involved:

Updates

Date: 9/15/2016 **Status:** Reviewed - Follow-up Required

Author: O'Gorman, Brian

Updated Volume:

Notes:

According to the report, 25 gallons of transformer oil were released due to a farmer's equipment accident. More follow-up needed.

Date: 9/16/2016 **Status:** Correspondence

Author: Tintes Schiwal, Emily

Updated Volume: 12.00 gallons

Notes:

A representative from OTPCO informed me that, when the linemen opened up the two transformers, they discovered one unit was almost completely still full of oil and had not leaked the amount previously reported. They know that one of the units doesn't contain PCBs, but they took a sample from the other and sent it to Jerry's Electric for testing. Results are expected next week. There is a storm drain near the spill site, but it appears no materials made it to the drain. Despite being in town, the spill site was in an open lot and only affected soils and grasses. They have West Central Environmental Consultants on site to conduct cleanup now. Absorbent booms have been placed around the drain to prevent any contamination during the cleanup process. They will be sending photos of the spill as well.

Date: 9/16/2016 **Status:** Correspondence

Author: Tintes Schiwal, Emily

Updated Volume:

Notes:

I am in touch with the environmental team from OTPCO and have requested more information about PCB testing and the media affected by the spill, since it was within city limits. I will update as more information is acquired.