

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 10634      **Notice:** 12/22/2020 0802      **Occurred:** 12/22/2020 0700

**DEM Incident No:**

**No Further Action:**

**Responsible Party:** Minnesota Power

**County:** Oliver

**Twp Rng Sec Qtr:** 142 83 33

**Lat Long + Method:** 47.07169 -101.19600 Interpolation from map

**Location Description:** Center HVDC Terminal, 2375 33rd Ave SW Center, ND 58530

**Submitted By Info:** Ross Dudzik  
30 West Superior Street  
Duluth MN

**Received By Info:**

**Contact Info:**  
30 West Superior Street  
Duluth MN

**Affected Medium:** 03 - soil

**Near. Occupied Bldg:**

**Type of Incident:** Non-PCB Mineral Oil Spill/fire

**Release Contained:** Yes

**Reported to NRC:** Unknown

**Contaminant:** Non-PCB Mineral Oil

**Volume of Release:** 200 gallons

**Duration of Release:**

**Agriculture Related:** No

**EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance:** Unknown

**Number of Fatalities:**

**Number of Injuries:**

**Cause of Incident:**

Transformer equipment failure on T1B converter transformer

**Risk Evaluation:**

Immediate health hazard is fire which is being attended to by fire department

**Potential Env. Impacts:**

Not anticipated, secondary containment system serves this transformer

**Action Taken/Planned:**

Fire is currently being attended by facility staff and Oliver Oliver Co. FP District. Spill was released to secondary containment system. Once fire is extinguished additional investigation will be performed to determine spill cleanup measures. Unknown how much oil burned vs. spilled.

**Wastes Disposal Location:**

Clean Harbors Sawyer Landfill

**Other Agencies Involved:**

Local Fire Department, Local Law Enforcement

## **Updates**

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**Date:** 12/22/2020      **Status:** Reviewed - Follow-up Required

**Author:** DeVries, Taylor

**Notes:**

According to the incident report, there was a release of mineral oil. Further follow-up is needed.

**Updated Volume:** None at the time of this update

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**Date:** 12/22/2020      **Status:** Correspondence - More Follow-up Required

**Author:** Striebel, Ivana

**Notes:**

12/22/2020 - Spoke to responsible party. This release was due to a fire and all water and oil stayed within the substation, there is a system within the substation to collect the oil and water. RP will provide requested information regarding this release soon. No further action needed at this time.

**Updated Volume:** None at the time of this update

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**Date:** 12/22/2020      **Status:** Correspondence - No Action Required

**Author:** Striebel, Ivana

**Notes:**

12/22/2020 - Responsible party sent email with photos of equipment and lab analysis. This was a nonPCB release of oil, RP is unsure how much oil was released but it had the potential to be 200 gallons. RP believes most of the oil from the transformer burned in the fire. A contractor is onsite and will begin cleanup activities soon. No further action needed at this time.

**Updated Volume:** None at the time of this update