

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 5299

**Notice:** 12/28/2016

**Occurred:** 12/26/2016 0030

**DEM Incident No:**

**No Further Action:**

**Responsible Party:** Tucker Slagle

**County:** Williams

**Twp Rng Sec Qtr:** 154 101 24

**Lat Long + Method:** 48.14777 -103.60920 Interpolation from map

**Location Description:** 320 8th Ave E, Williston, ND

**Submitted By Info:** Andy McDonald  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co  
400 N 4th St  
Bismarck ND 58501

**Received By Info:**

**Contact Info:**

4018 2nd Ave E

Williston ND

**Affected Medium:** 09 - other

**Near. Occupied Bldg:** 10 Feet

**Type of Incident:** Padmount Transformer Leak

**Release Contained:** Yes

**Reported to NRC:** No

**Contaminant:** Mineral Oil (0 ppm PCB)

**Volume of Release:** 22 gallons

**Duration of Release:**

**Agriculture Related:** No

**EPA Extremely**

**Hazardous Substance:** No

**Number of Fatalities:** 0

**Number of Injuries:** 0

**Cause of Incident:**

A person operating snow removal equipment struck the transformer and oil leaked out of the primary and secondary bushings.

**Risk Evaluation:**

None

**Potential Env. Impacts:**

None

**Action Taken/Planned:**

The oil was contained in the snow surrounding the transformer. The responding crew removed the contaminated snow from the scene.

**Wastes Disposal Location:**

The contaminated snow was placed into drums and brought back to the MDU shop in Williston to thaw. The oil will be separated from the melt water and disposed of at the appropriate facilities.

**Other Agencies Involved:**

## **Updates**

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**Date:** 12/29/2016      **Status:** Reviewed - Follow-up Required

**Author:** Schiermeister, Robin

**Notes:**

Release occurred due to a damaged transformer. The release has been assigned to the Division of Waste Management. Further follow-up is needed to ensure proper cleanup.

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

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**Date:** 12/29/2016      **Status:** Correspondence

**Author:** Tintes Schiwal, Emily

**Notes:**

A representative from MDU sent in one photo prior to cleanup of the transformer that was hit by a snow removal vehicle. This photo is in the corresponding folder. MDU also sent us confirmation testing results showing that this transformer contained mineral oil with a PCB concentration of 0ppm. The test results are in the corresponding folder as well. This incident will be followed up on with additional photos and disposal information as acquired.

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