

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 5407

**Notice:** 5/19/2017

**Occurred:** 5/18/2017

**DEM Incident No:**

**No Further Action:**

**Responsible Party:** Xcel Energy

**County:** Ward

**Twp Rng Sec Qtr:** 155 83 21

**Lat Long + Method:** 48.23944 -101.33960 Interpolation from map

**Location Description:** Earth Recycling Inc. near intersection of Hwy 83 & 4th Ave NW.

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**Received By Info:**

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**Affected Medium:** 05 - air and soil

**Near. Occupied Bldg:**

**Type of Incident:** Fire

**Release Contained:** No

**Reported to NRC:** No

**Contaminant:** Non-PCB transformer oil

**Volume of Release:** 100 gallons

**Duration of Release:**

**Agriculture Related:** No

**EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance:** No

**Number of Fatalities:**

**Number of Injuries:**

**Cause of Incident:** Fire at recycling center.

**Risk Evaluation:** Flammable substance.

**Potential Env. Impacts:** Transformer oil is unlikely to impact surface water or ground water because of probable incineration. Xcel crews are not allowed onsite at this point, therefore, extent of impacts are currently unknown.

**Action Taken/Planned:** Xcel crews have not been allowed to enter the site because fire crews are still working to put out the fire. Once Xcel personnel are allowed onsite, they will evaluate necessary response. Oil recovery is unlikely as this equipment is in the heart of the fire and all released transformer oil is likely burned up in the fire.

**Wastes Disposal Location:** Any recoverable wastes would be disposed of in the nearest appropriate landfill.

**Other Agencies Involved:** Local Fire Department

## **Updates**

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**Date:** 5/30/2017      **Status:** Reviewed - Follow-up Required

**Author:** O'Gorman, Brian

**Notes:**

According to the report, 100 gallons of non PCB-containing transformer oil was released. Further follow-up needed.

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

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**Date:** 6/30/2017      **Status:** Comment

**Author:** Harries, Alison

**Notes:**

This Incident has been combined with General #5413 as part of the Earth Recycling fire clean-up, because the destruction of the transformer was due to that fire. Please refer to that incident for details.

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