

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 5890

**Notice:** 10/26/2018

**Occurred:** 10/26/2018 0430

**DEM Incident No:**

**No Further Action:** ☒

**Responsible Party:** Otter Tail Power Company

**County:** Ramsey

**Twp Rng Sec Qtr:** 153 64 2

**Lat Long + Method:** 48.10162 -98.85183 Interpolation from map

**Location Description:** 915 Highway 2 East  
Devils Lake, ND

**Submitted By Info:** Josh Hollen  
215 S. Cascade St  
Fergus Falls MN

**Received By Info:**

**Contact Info:**  
215 S. Cascade St  
Fergus Falls MN

**Affected Medium:** 03 - soil

**Near. Occupied Bldg:**

**Type of Incident:** Fire

**Release Contained:** Yes

**Reported to NRC:** Unknown

**Contaminant:** Transformer oil. The oil is non-PCB according to the manufactures label

**Volume of Release:**

**Duration of Release:**

**Agriculture Related:** No

**EPA Extremely  
Hazardous Substance:** Unknown

**Number of Fatalities:**

**Number of Injuries:**

**Cause of Incident:**

Two pole mounted transformers caught fire spilling an unknown amount of oil onto the ground. The transformers each contain 42 gallons of oil with an unknown amount burning off. The fire dept also dumped a bunch of sand inside one of the burning transformers, putting out the fire but also absorbing the leftover oil inside the transformer.

**Risk Evaluation:**

Extremely low risk to people or the environment.

**Potential Env. Impacts:**

The soil beneath the pole was impacted. No surface waters or sewers were impacted.

**Action Taken/Planned:**

The spill is contained and marked off with cones. A contracted spill response company was notified and will be remediating the area later today.

**Wastes Disposal Location:**

**Other Agencies Involved:**

## **Updates**

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**Date:** 10/26/2018      **Status:** Reviewed - Assigned to NDDEQ Division

**Author:** Crowdus, Kory

**Notes:**

The incident involves a release from transformers. It has been assigned to the Division of Waste Management.

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

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**Date:** 10/26/2018      **Status:** Correspondence

**Author:** Striebel, Ivana

**Notes:**

10/26/2018 - Made information request concerning progress of spill from responsible party. Follow-up needed.

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

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**Date:** 11/29/2018      **Status:** No Further Action Requested

**Author:** Striebel, Ivana

**Notes:**

11/29/2018 - Received clean-up information from responsible party. This release appears to be from electrical equipment which did not contain PCBs. No lab results were able to be conducted due to fire consuming any liquids. PCB concentration was determined by using nameplate information, which points to the equipment not containing PCBs at the time of manufacture. Fire debris was scraped up and properly disposed of and clean fill was brought in. No further action needed.

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

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**Date:** 11/29/2018      **Status:** Correspondence

**Author:** Striebel, Ivana

**Notes:**

Ivana Striebel sent a No Further Action letter dated November 29, 2018.

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