Message

From: Cozad, David [Cozad.David@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/13/2021 1:05:43 AM
To: Buchholz, Ken [Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov]
CC: Weekley, Erin [weekley.erin@epa.gov]; Hoefer, David [Hoefer.David@epa.gov]; Curry, Tim [Curry.Timothy@epa.gov]; Schademann, Randy [Schademann.Randy@epa.gov]; Peterson, Mary [Peterson.Mary@epa.gov]; Hayes, Scott [Hayes.Scott@epa.gov]; Green, Jamie [Green.Jamie@epa.gov]; Beringer, Mike [Beringer.Michael@epa.gov]; Juett, Lynn [Juett.Lynn@epa.gov]; Pritchard, Jeffrey [pritchard.jeffrey@epa.gov]; Bednar, Candace [Bednar.Candace@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Region 7 ER Report: February 12, 2021

Per Jim Macy, this waste will contain pesticides, just like the wet cake. It's currently flowed about a mile off site, in a drainage ditch.

The state would appreciate a federal presence. If we can get Doug up there first thing tomorrow to help assess the situation and formulate a plan, I think that would be a help and very much appreciated

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 12, 2021, at 5:38 PM, Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Tim,
> Thanks for your call this evening.
> NDEE senior management officials should have Erin Weekly and Dave Cozad's contact information. If there has been a recent change to the historical / ongoing waste release situation (ongoing for several years) NDEE officials should be discussing the situation with R7 ECAD.
> Thanks
> Ken
> Cell:(816)-718-4275
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Feb 12, 2021, at 10:28 AM, Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Hi Randy, thanks for sharing. I noted it on the spill report this morning but hadn't had a chance to ask about it yet. It's not surprising given what we know of conditions at the plant right now (not operating but cycling grain to try to keep pipes from freezing.) Glad to hear NDEE is following up. We will touch base with them during a call scheduled for Tues.
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From: Schademann, Randy <Schademann.Randy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Region 7 ER Report: February 12, 2021

Tim Curry had an NRC call early this morning concerning the Alten facility near Mead, Ne. I subsequently received an inquiry from the USFWS. I then received a call on the EPA R7 spill line from NDEE's Kirk Morrow, which was to alert me as phone duty officer to some of the back ground of this facility. I spoke with Ken Buchholz and he suggested I send the recent history out....

Randy

From: Curry, Tim <Curry.Timothy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:52 AM
To: Schademann, Randy <Schademann.Randy@epa.gov>; amanda_ciurej_fws.gov <amanda_ciurej@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Region 7 ER Report: February 12, 2021

I have attached the report. Also I talked with Neil Hiel and he indicated the state has been investigating a stillage issue with ALTEN regarding its left over solids from ethanol generation. Seems they were generating ethanol from pesticide treated corn seeds and spreading the stillage on fields. There were some pesticide residue issues that resulted from this process. The NDEE indicated they will be following up on the spill report.

From: Schademann, Randy <Schademann.Randy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Curry, Tim <Curry.Timothy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Region 7 ER Report: February 12, 2021

Hey Tim, can you help Amanda out on this (she's with the USFWS and we used to see her pretty often pre-COVID on the Siouxland Subarea).....

Randy

From: Ciurej, Amanda K <amanda_ciurej@fws.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:37 AM
To: Schademann, Randy <Schademann.Randy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Region 7 ER Report: February 12, 2021

Morning Randy,

Can you provide me what you received on the AltEn manure and stillage?

Amanda

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Typical Work Hours: Mon - Fri, 7:00am - 3:30pm (Central Time Zone)

COVID-19 Status: I am teleworking from home until further notice.
The best way to reach me is by calling my cell, email, or Microsoft TEAMS.

Please submit all technical assistance and consultation requests to: *nebraskaes@fws.gov.*

From: Schademann, Randy <Schademann.Randy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 7:09 AM
To: R7 Daily ER <R7-Daily-ER@epa.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Region 7 ER Report: February 12, 2021

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R7 State EOCs:

State	Ops at EOC	Phone Duty Officer Ops
Kansas	State EOC is still operational. ESF 10 is still activated and participating remotely for all briefings. All staff have returned to work and are working remotely as much as possible; with a limited number of staff in the office. KDHE has resumed site-work and limited staff travel to areas not identified as COVID-19 hotspots.	PDO (spills coordinator) is in the office a taking spill line calls through routine met After-hours PDO is staffed by the Spill Coordinator and assisted by other staff. District offices are working spills th routine methods.
Nebraska	NDEE is in normal work status. Offices are open to the public and will remain open. NDEE has completed the move of its new Lincoln office. The office is fully open. Most NDEE employees are working their normal hours at their office workstations (COVID-19 specific remote-work policies will continue to be implemented).	The main number for NDEE (402-471-21 will still be answered (8-5 Monday throu Friday) and transferred as before. NDEE Emergency Response Program Activities not be affected. However, individual ph numbers will most likely go to voice mai then forward to e-mail; callers are encou to leave messages
Iowa	State EOC is open virtually with only EM staff regularly on-site. Briefings are no longer being held unless necessary. EOC taskings are being conducted virtually through WebEOC.	Spill line is being answered as normal. Th Iowa DNR is in Phase 1 of Return to Wor (<25% in office), other staff remain AWL for response evaluated at time of call as normal.
Missouri	State EOC currently open. ESF 3 and 10 not currently staffed but maintaining awareness of ongoing operations.	PDO taking spill line calls from alternate location(s). Will have delayed response t due to teleworking of all responders.

Significant Events:
No Current Significant Events.

R7 Responders and Phone Duty Personnel for the Week:
R1 – Doug Ferguson
R2 – Joe Davis
Day Phone – Randy Schademann
Weekend Phone – Tim Curry

REOC Status: Level 2, Type 4: Virtual and partial REOC activation to support regional COVID-19 related activities

Weather Outlook:
Extreme cold temperatures expected throughout the region. For the Kansas City area forecast, go to: **https://www.weather.gov/eax/hwo**

Hot Line Log:

Date Of Report	NRC NO.	Status	Reporter / Receiver	Source Of Pollution	Location Of Incident	Material Amount	Material Type	R
02/12/2021 03:41:00	1297838	Pending		ALTEN	MEAD , NE County: SAUNDERS	MANURE AND STILLAGE (0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT);		

Date Of Report	NRC NO.	Status	Reporter / Receiver	Source Of Pollution	Location Of Incident	Material Amount	Material Type	R
02/11/2021 15:22:00	1297802	Closed	T. Curry	H&M TRUCKING	Map PARK CITY , KS County: SEDGWICK	AMINE SOLUTION (2.4-D AMINE4) (60 GALLON(S));	Haz	R