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**From**: Hayes, Scott [Hayes.Scott@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/13/2021 1:35:40 AM
**To**: Buchholz, Ken [Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Region 7 ER Report: February 12, 2021

Are you sending Ferguson? Why is this suddenly an emergency?

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Sent from my iPhone - please excuse typos

On Feb 12, 2021, at 7:08 PM, Hoefer, David <Hoefer.David@epa.gov> wrote:

Ken – let Kristen or me know if you need any legal support.

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**From:** Cozad, David <Cozad.David@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 7:06 PM
**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

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On Feb 12, 2021, at 5:38 PM, Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov> wrote:

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

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On Feb 12, 2021, at 10:28 AM, Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov> wrote:

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>
**Cc:** 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>; Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Curry, Tim <Curry.Timothy@epa.gov>; Pritchard, Jeffrey <pritchard.jeffrey@epa.gov>
**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>;

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**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.

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**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

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**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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**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
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**Region 7 ER Report: February 12, 2021**

**R7 State EOCs:**

| State | Ops at EOC | Phone Duty Officer Ops |
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| Kansas | State EOC is still operational. ESF 10 is still activated and participating remotely for all briefings.<br>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<br>taking spill line calls through rou<br>After-hours PDO is staffed by the<br>Coordinator and assisted by othe<br>staff. District offices are working<br>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<br>will still be answered (8-5 Mond<br>Friday) and transferred as before<br>Emergency Response Program A<br>not be affected. However, indiv<br>numbers will most likely go to vo |

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| | | then forward to e-mail; callers a 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 no Iowa DNR is in Phase 1 of Return (<25% in office), other staff rema for response evaluated at time c 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 al location(s). Will have delayed re due to teleworking of all respon |

**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 | Mate Typ |
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| 02/12/2021 03:41:00 | 1297838 | Pending | | ALTEN | MEAD , NE County: SAUNDERS | MANURE AND STILLAGE (0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT); | |
| 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 |