

From: Chambers, Bethani M - DNR
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Reif, Maizie L - DNR
Subject: FW: Spill Response - Pine Breeze Dairy
Attachments: 2021-04-12 Spill Report.pdf

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FYI – spill report regarding Pine Breeze spill that occurred last week. I can pull up the SERTS number if needed

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Subject: Spill Response - Pine Breeze Dairy

Good afternoon Bethani,

Attached is the spill response in regards to the incident on 4-12-2021.

Thank you,

Brad Gerrits

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Spill Report
4/12/2021

Name, address, phone number for responsible parties.

Pine Breeze Dairy, LLC
W1776 Aspen Ave
Pine River, WI 54965
920-987-5237

Anaya Farms, LLC
N7189 Kliner Rd
Shiocton, WI 54170
920-585-0889

Sketch of the site or map with relevant features labeled; flow path, sumps, berms, pumping areas, etc.



Duration of spill: When it was first discovered, when cleanup efforts were started and when cleanup efforts were concluded.

The spill occurred on April 12th, 2021 at approximately 10:00AM and was discovered minutes later. Berms were put in place at approximately 10:15AM and cleanup began around 10:30AM. Cleanup activities concluded around 7:30PM.

A description of conditions that led to the spill occurring, and how long it may have gone on before it was noticed.

The spill was caused by a driver who accidentally engaged a switch that controls the valve for the manure tanker. Another driver of a different semi noticed the manure minutes after the discharge.

A description of cleanup and containment actions, including approximate dates and times.

On the day of the spill, sand berms were immediately placed in the areas that had potential leading to a nearby creek. Local fire departments arrived late morning to assist cleaning the road. Water used was collected at berm locations and low spots within the ditch where the spill occurred. Septic trucks also assisted in the clean-up by extracting wash water and liquid manure at berm sites and ditch collection points along the highway. Fire trucks and septic trucks ended cleanup around the same time on the day of the spill around 7:30PM. A septic truck was also used the following day around 8:00AM to cleanup any residual manure that may have accumulated at the berm sites.

Any photos of cleanup activities or impacted areas post-cleanup.



An estimate of the amount of liquid recovered, or billing logs from the pumping companies if they use a per gallon/load billing system.

An estimated 2,000 gallons of liquid manure was spilled. Approximately 18,000 gallons of water was collected via septic truck and returned to the dairy's waste storage facilities.

A description of where reclaimed liquid was taken (e.g. which manure pit(s) it was taken to or which field(s) it was applied on including rate, method of application, etc.).

The collected manure and wash water was hauled back to Pine Breeze Dairy and was discharged into the waste storage lagoon.

A confirmation that any temporary berms, sumps, or other structures placed in public right-of-way have been returned to their original state as well as a rationale for placement.

Sand berms were used to ensure that liquid manure did not reach surface waters. Berms have been removed and the rights-of-way have been restored to the original condition.

A description of proposed actions/changes to prevent future similar incidents.

All drivers of semi-trucks who haul for our dairy will be required to install valve switches that contain a red protective cover to prevent accidental valve openings.

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From: Nieling, Jeffrey S - DNR
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Reif, Maizie L - DNR; Chambers, Bethani M - DNR
Subject: RE: WI SPILL #16370 ID 20210412NE70-1 - MANURE [MANURE]
Attachments: Spill photo.png

Categories: SPILLS

The manure spill is about 1.4 miles long and if I had to guess over 1000 gallons. It is on Hwy 49 north of county Road Q. The Waushara County maintenance workers, FD and others from star dairy are on scene cleaning it up the best they can. It has not made its way to water and they placed a dam in the ditch to prevent it from draining any further. The cleanup is no doubt going to take some time. I spoke with Dan Preicler from pine breeze dairy and he stated he is not sure how this could have happened. The operator of the truck told Dan that it was from failed equipment. I attached a photo of the location. Please let me know if you need any further information and thank you for your help!

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Cc: Evensen, Eric D - DNR
Subject: RE: WI SPILL #16370 ID 20210412NE70-1 - MANURE [MANURE]

Thanks Bethani!

Warden Jeff Nieling just gave me a call; he is heading out to the site and will give an update on what he seeing.

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Subject: FW: WI SPILL #16370 ID 20210412NE70-1 - MANURE [MANURE]

Good morning all,

Just spoke with Dan, clean up work is progressing smoothly. The local fire department is out flushing the ditch and the local highway department is dealing with road traffic. At this time, it does not appear to have reached any waterways. I will pass along more information as gathered.

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SERTS ID:
20210412NE70-1

Reported:
04/12/2021 11:00

Occurred:
04/12/2021 10:30

Substance:
MANURE [MANURE]
AMOUNT RELEASED AND
AMOUNT RECOVERED ARE
UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

Reported by:
DAN
SITE MANAGER
PINE BREEZE DAIRY
(715) 281-7355
Also RP Contact

Location:

NE REGION
WAUSHARA COUNTY
AURORAVILLE, TOWNSHIP OF
ROAD
W2489 HWY 49

Responsible Party:
PINE BREEZE DAIRY
W1776 ASPEN AVE
PINE RIVER, WI

Cause:
UNKNOWN

Cause Description:
VALVE ON TRUCK OPEN UP AND DUMPED MANURE ON THE ROAD AND SHOULDER. VALVE IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN OPEN FOR ABOUT A MILE WITH MANURE CONTINUOUSLY FLOWING OUT OF THE TRUCK DURING THIS MILE DRIVE.

Environmental Impact:
MANURE WENT ON THE SHOULDER AND IN THE DITCH THAT HAS STANDING WATER IN IT FROM THE RAIN. DITCH EVENTUALLY LEADS TO WILLOW CREEK.

Cleanup:
DITCH WAS DAMMED UP SO THAT THE MANURE COULD NOT GO INTO WILLOW CREEK. VACUUM TRUCK IS EN ROUTE TO SUCK UP MANURE IN DITCH AND LOCAL FD HAS BEEN CONTACTED TO FLUSH OUT THE DITCH.

Notified SPOKE WITH MAIZIE REIF at 11:16 by Phone

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