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State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources

Substance Release Notification Form

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24-Hour Emergency Hotline Number: 1-800-943-0003

Date & Military Time Of Incident 6/6/2002 0900 estimated time		z Military Time Rep 02 1010	orted:	Spill File ner060620		
Person Reporting: anonymous caller		Representing:		Phone # (Fax # ()	
Responsible Party (RP) / Spiller: Marinette Marine		RP Decision Ba	sed On:	Phone # (Fax # ()	
RP Address: 1600 Ely St				City Marinette	State Zip Code WI	
RP Contact Name & Title:				Phone # (Fax # ()	
Substance Involved:		Amount & Units R	eleased:	Amount &	& Units Recovered:	
oil Solid Semisolid	☐ Liquid	unknown Gas	Color:	none	Odor:	
Exact Location Of Incident: (includent in the Menominee River near Marin	iding street name			Facility N	Name / Property Owner:	
⊠ City □ Village □ Township Marinette	County Marinette		Latitude/Lo	ngitude		
DNR Region: NER	1/4 1/4	4 Sec T N	R E W	Weathe	er Conditions:	
	A dredging barge with a crane on it sank, and an oil slick is visible - caller doesn't know if the release came from the barge's fuel tanks or from the crane, says there were other potential hazardous materials on the barge as well. Caller thinks some booms have been put out,					
Spilled Substance Impact To: (check X all that apply) Air	Spill Cause/Site:					
Are There Any Resource Damages? Yes No Potential What Kind? Menominee River						
Other Agencies Notified: (check from the check from	Local DNI Local DNI Div. Emer Coast Gua DHFS 608	R	PA Vat'l Resp Ctr 800 Chemtrec 800-424 Other:	0-442-8802 I-9300	Phone # ()	
Prepared By: Tom Collier		one # 608-267-0844	Date: 6/6/2		Rpt'd To DATCP? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Person Notified: Spoke to Kathy En	rdmann Ph	Sign:	Date: 6/6/2 Date:	002	Time: 1110 Incident Closed? Yes No	
Investigated By: Warden Kitt					Date:	
Spill Coordinator Signoff:	v 9/70	D.	ransferred To: I ATCP Date: ase #	EKP 🔲	NFA Letter Sent? ☐ Yes ☐ No Spill Packet Sent? ☐ Yes ☐ No To:	

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Date and Military Time Of Incident:	Responsible Party:
Additional Comments:	
Case Activity Report: Yes No CAR#:	(Please, attach copy of all CAR and other documentation)
Enforcement Action: Yes No (Explain Below)	

Case Number	Case Title	
02-C270-002.IMK-Barge Raising	STATE VS. MCMULLEN AND PITZ	
Activity		Date of Activity
Monitor Barge Raising for Pot	ential Spill	06-11-02

Narrative¹

On 06-11-02 at approx. 12:45pm Warden Michael Kitt went to the Marinette Marine Corp. of Marinette, WI. Kitt's purpose was to monitor the raising of a sunken barge owned by McMullen and Pitz Construction Co. Kitt wished to check for any fuel or oil spills as a result of raising the barge, and also to try and determine cause for sinking.

Kitt met with John West of Marinette Marine Corp. on site. Kitt asked Mr. West if he was aware of any reason why the barge may have sank. Mr. West did not know of any reason for the sinking. Mr. West indicated that the barge was routinely partially flooded in order to keep the excavator close to the water's edge. Apparently the bucket arm of the excavator had trouble reaching the riverbed, which averaged approx. 35 ft. Mr. West further stated that upon returning to work on thurs. June 6 the barge was submerged.

Kitt watched as the barge was pumped out. At approx. 2:45 pm the barge was refloated. Kitt observed no fuel spill and noted that the booms were still around the vessel. Kitt noted that there were several small pin holes leaking water from the barge. Kitt then spoke with the lead diver of Seaview Commercial Diving Contractors – who were on scene and had been on the vessel. Kitt asked the subject if he had noticed any holes in the vessel. The subject indicated that he had not seen any holes, but that he had not inspected the entire vessel. He futher indicated that he did not see anything to indicate a catastrophic failure and surmised that it may have been something that happened over time. After everything was secure, Kitt left the scene at approx. 3:30pm.

Warden Reporting	Date of Report	Exhibit Reference
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Case Number	Case Title	
02-C270-002.HMK-Barge Sinking/fish collection	STATE VS. MCMULLEN AND PITZ	
Activity		Date of Activity
Investigation of sunken barge	06-08-02	

Narrative¹

On 06-08-02 Warden Michael S. Kitt met with Michigan Conservation Officer Terry Short for the purpose of inspecting the Marinette Marine dredging site. Kitt had received word at the end of the previous day that a barge owned by McMullen and Pitz Construction Co. had sunk – along with a tracked excavator. Officers observed approx. 15% of the forward half of the barge protruding from the water and approx. four feet of the bucket arm of the excavator protruding out of the water. Officers also observed both non-absorbent and absorbent booms placed all around the site.

Warden Kitt spoke with several of the workers to inquire about the cause of the sinking. The workers all stated they did not know the cause and that when they showed up for work on the morning of 06-06-02 the barge was down. Kitt then asked what the plan of action would be for removal. Kitt observed commercial divers on scene getting ready to dive. One of the lead workers indicated that the divers were going to place slings under the excavator and air bags inside the barge. Luedtke Construction was bringing in a barge tonight with a 200-ton crane to remove the excavator from the water tomorrow. He further indicated that once the excavator was removed they would begin working on refloating the barge.

One of the other workers then indicated that there were still four walleyes on a stringer saved for Kitt from last weekend's blasting operation (Kitt was unavailable for monitoring on 06-01-02). Kitt then went over to the other barge and observed four small walleyes on a stinger. Kitt noted that they were badly decomposed due to age from death. Kitt then photographed the fish and released them. Officers left the scene a short time later.

On 06-09-02 at approx. 4:15 pm Warden Kitt went over the Interstate bridge and observed that the excavator had been removed from the water.

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State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
Remediation & Redevelopment Program

Case Number	Case Title	
_ 	Marinette Marine Dredging Project	
Activity Barge Accident		Date of Activity June 6, 2002

Narrative

Mike Corpus received a phone call from the Marinette County Sheriff's Department at 8:00am saying that a barge had sunk at Marinette Marine (MMC) and diesel fuel was spilling into the Menominee River. Rodda and Justine Hasz arrived at the MMC property at approximately 8:30am and spoke with John West of MMC. He stated that this morning he received a photo of the accident via email and directed us to foreman Jack Herzaug of McMillan & Pitz for any questions. West did inform staff that the barge was found as is (with three corners underwater) when workers arrived before 6am that morning. The exact time of the sinking was unknown. There was a backhoe on this barge as well. Hasz visited the site earlier in the week and learned that the barges have tanks that are filled with water in order to weigh down one side of the barge. The backhoe can then reach to the desired depths for sediment and bedrock removal.

Herzaug stated that it would 45 minutes for Superior Services (Superior) from Green Bay to arrive at the scene and that a hard hat dive team (Seaview) from Seymour was also called to respond to the incident. The dive team would arrive in 1.5 hours according to Herzaug. The US Coast Guard (USCG) was also called to the scene.

There was no obvious release of any contaminants from the barge or backhoe. Herzaug stated that the fuel tank on the backhoe is 200 gallons (diesel) and was half full.

Robert Rosenberger arrived at the site at 8:40am. Staff observed workers pumping water out of the barge tanks in order to release some of the weight in hopes of raising the barge out of the water. Rodda learned that the oil absorbent boom, placed in the river because of any possible coal tar contamination hits during dredging, was in place at the time of the accident (it is always there). At 9:00am staff observed the surface water downstream of the oil absorbent boom and found that the sock was ineffective in stopping the small amounts of a petroleum product being released, apparently from the incident area. The absorbent sock appeared to be saturated with debris. It also appeared no sheen was present upstream of the boom, but instead blobs of petroleum were rising just downstream of the boom and spreading out to form sheen on the surface of the water. The amount of petroleum observed was not significant.

The Marinette Fire Department arrived on scene at 9:20am but left shortly thereafter. At 9:40am Rodda and Hasz observed additional sheen on the river, this time upstream of the collapsed barge. Paul Pamperin of STS was asked where this might be coming from, and it was decided that the water being pumped out of the barge tanks might have had residual petroleum from years of use. This oil was apparently now being pumped along with the water and discharged into the river. Again, this was not a significant release, but Rodda asked Pamperin if a replacement boom could be put in the river because the one presently in the water was ineffective. Pamperin said Superior would be placing a boom in the water, but not until the Coast Guard arrived. Rodda then asked Chris of Superior if he could place the boom in the water as soon as possible. Chris said yes and that Superior was not waiting for the USCG. Chris said that the boom would be placed downstream of the old boom and would encompass the back of the outer barge at the site.

Stan Nogalski arrived at 10:00am, and Superior's second emergency response semi-trailer arrived at 10:30am. With no immediate threat present, Nogalski advised that one DNR representative stay at the scene while crews worked to retrieve the sunken barge in case a release occurred. After a trip to Peshtigo, Rodda returned to the site just after 11:00am. Rodda observed the construction crew and dive team place a steel cable around the sunken backhoe to prevent it from falling off the barge any further. The cable was placed through the tracks of the backhoe and was then secured to another barge.

Rodda learned that there was a fuel tank for the barge compressor on board the collapsed barge, and that crewmembers retrieved the tank some time after the incident. It was placed on the MMC property on the downstream side of a boat slip. It is not known what kind of petroleum was stored in this tank or if any of the

product was released during the incident. The only other potential release to the environment was from the portable toilet located on the collapsed barge, and this item was also retrieved by crewmembers later in the day. Rodda also heard a different story about the incident discovery from John Dart of Ayres Associates. Dart informed Keith Bouchard of the USCG that workers arriving before 6:00am found the barge only partially collapsed. When the workers were trying to fix the situation, the full collapse of the barge occurred. Rodda will follow-up to learn the true events of the accident.

The crew was unable to raise the barge. The backhoe and barge were still underwater at 3:00pm. Rodda did not observe any releases the rest of the day. It appeared that the diesel fuel tank on the backhoe did not leak significantly or at all. Rodda left the scene at 3:20pm with Nogalski who returned to the scene in the late afternoon.

Weather: Sunny and warm with a slight breeze.

Cc: Dave Hildreth – NER/Green Bay Bruce Urben – NER/Green Bay Justine Hasz – NER/Peshtigo Stan Nogalski – NER/Peshtigo Robert Rosenberger – NER/Peshtigo File

Hydrogeologist	Date of Report	Exhibit Reference
Cathy Rodda	June 7, 2002	

Erdmann, Kathryn M

From:

Rodda, Cathy J.

Sent:

Thursday, June 06, 2002 4:42 PM

To:

Urben, Bruce G

Cc:

Erdmann, Kathryn M; Hildreth, David A

Subject:

RE: Spill in the Menominee River

Folks,

I just talked with Bruce about the site. There was not a significant release from the diesel fuel tank of the backhoe on the barge that sank into the river (I will forward an email with photos taken by Justine Hasz......I haven't looked at them yet). The only release DNR staff identified was small amounts of petroleum popping up in the water on the downstream side of the in-place oil absorbent boom. This could have been from oil on the construction barge platform itself or because of small leaking from the fuel tank. Later we noticed more sheen forming upstream of where the barge was located in the water, and determined it must be coming from the water being pumped out of the barge tanks. This petroleum would have been build up from years of use. Again, I did not feel a significant release had occurred.

I did spend the majority of the day at the site in case something did happen. However, the crew was unable to raise the barge or the backhoe by 3pm, and it appeared that they had given up for the day.

I will write up a CAR and distribute tomorrow morning.

Thanks, Cathy

From:

Urben, Bruce G

Sent:

Thursday, June 06, 2002 4:24 PM

To:

Rodda, Cathy J.

Cc:

Erdmann, Kathryn M; Hildreth, David A

Subject:

Spill in the Menominee River

Cathy.....I tried to reach you to see how everything went at the Barge sinking......Unfortunately, you must be out at the site yet!

When you have time....Please send a brief e-mail to Dave Hildreth, Kathy Erdmann (and myself) about the release and the followup!

I am sure Dave will be questioned at his RMT meeting on Monday PM....so an update would be helpful!

Erdmann will be acting for me while I am gone.......Feel free to contact her if you have any issues with this release.

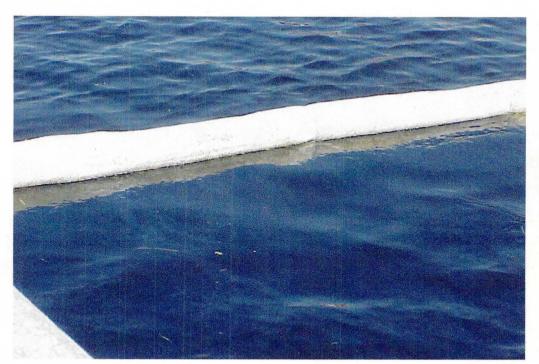
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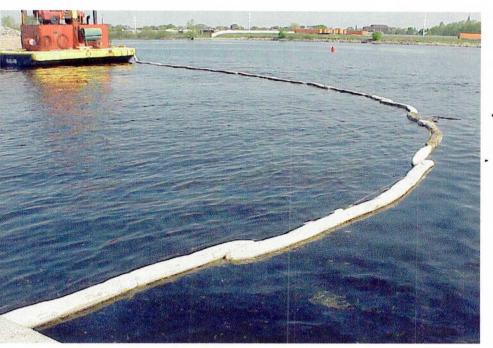
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Marinette Marine barge collapse June 6, 2002 – C. Rodda Menominee River - Pumping water out of the barge bilge tanks; discharge into river (left center)



Marinette Marine barge collapse June 6, 2002 – C. Rodda Menominee River

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1827 82 N N N 1 22 8K08 2863/189

Marinette Marine barge collapse June 6, 2002 – C. Rodda Menominee River Debris & oil sheen passing the absorbent boom



Marinette Marine barge collapse June 6, 2002 – C. Rodda Menominee River Some oil was released (sheen)

1826 92 N N N +1 -24 GR88 78637188



1026 02 N N N N 47 6603 2060/189

Marinette Marine barge collapse June 6, 2002 – C. Rodda Menominee River



Marinette Marine barge collapse June 6, 2002 – C. Rodda Menominee River Boom to catch oil & debris (by Superior Services)

1876 02 N N N 41 - 00 CTOS Z063/123



Marinette Marine barge collapse June 6, 2002 – C. Rodda Menominee River Sheen passing the absorbent boom

1826 82 N N N +3 -21 608 7863 7186



05/06/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River; from dockwall Oil absorbent boom in place near 12+50 marker; dredging begins

136 NNNN 9 05/06/02 CAMERA FAIR



05/06/2002 – C. Rodda

Marinette Marine Dredging Project

Menominee River

Sit nume at tugboat ~75' downstrea

Silt plume at tugboat ~75' downstream



05/06/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Silt plume downstream from barge ~25'

136 MMMM10 05/06/02 CAMERA FAIR



136 NMMN13 05/06/02 CAMERA FAIR

05/06/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Silt plume was visible at launching area



05/06/2002 - C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River; from dockwall Oil absorbent boom in place near 12+50 marker; pre-dredging



05/06/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Silt plume just off of barge



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River MI waste disposal side for dredging project



05/06/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Oil absorbent boom in place near 12+50 marker; pre-dredging



010 NNNM28 05/07/02 CAMERA FAIR

05/03/2002 -- C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Empty barge at MI waste disposal site



05/06/2002 – C. Rodda
Marinette Marine Dredging Project
Menominee River; from dockwall
Oil absorbent boom in place near
12+50 marker; pre-dredging



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River MI side of the river with project waste disposal site; empty barge



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Full barge off of launching area



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Silt plume is quite visible from barge on right



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River MMC



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Dredging barge



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda
Marinette Marine Dredging Project
Menominee River
Near the launching area

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05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River View downstream to MI waste disposal site (at cranes)

818 MNNN19 85/87/82 CAMERA FAIR



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Silt released from barge during dredging work



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda
Marinette Marine Dredging Project
Menominee River
Location of coal tar discovered during
dredging operations (orange marker)



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Dredging at the launch area



05/03/2002 -- C. Rodda
Marinette Marine Dredging Project
Menominee River
Location of coal tar discovered during
dredging operations (orange marker)

818 MNNN15 85/87/87 CHMERA FAIR



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda
Marinette Marine Dredging Project
Menominee River
MMC: this is always in place and is not
a silt curtain for the dredging work



05/03/2002 - C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River MMC: this is always in place and is not

a silt curtain for the dredging work ele MMN95 esverses comes FAIR



007 NNNN18 05/07/02 CAMERA FAIR

04/15/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Green AST has a bucket under the spigot to catch leaks



05/03/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Pink Marker = 12+50



887 NAMM16 05/87/82 CAMERA FAIR

04/15/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River 8 suckers affected by blast



887 MMMM13 85/87/82 CAMERA FRIR

04/15/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Deploying the silt curtain at ~2:45pm



907 NNNN10 05/07/02 CAMERA FRIR

04/15/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Dredging barge



887 NNNW15 85/87/02 CAMERA FAIR

04/15/2002 – C. Rodda
Marinette Marine Dredging Project
Menominee River
Catching fish affected by blast



907 MNNN 9 05/07/02 CAMENA FAIR

04/15/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Barges for dredging work



907 NWWN14 05/07/02 CAMERA FAIR

04/15/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Blasting just after 2:58pm



135 NNMM 3 05/06/02 CAMERA FAIR

05/06/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Silt curtain piled on the barge



135 NMMN 2 05/06/02 CAMERA FAIR

05/06/2002 – C. Rodda Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Silt plume



135 NNNN 5 05/06/02 CAMERA FAIR

05/06/2002 – C. Rodda
Marinette Marine Dredging Project
Menominee River
Continued dredging to 17' depth near
marker 12+50



135 NMMN 1 85/86/82 CAMERA FAIR

Marinette Marine Dredging Project Menominee River Silt plume off coast guard ship

05/06/2002 - C. Rodda



135 NNHM 4 05/06/02 CAMERA FAIR

05/06/2002 – C. Rodda
Marinette Marine Dredging Project
Menominee River
Continued dredging to 17' depth near
marker 12+50