STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS INCIDENT REPORT

FORM 3200-49 REV. 7-79

DATE OF INCIDENT	DAY OF WEEK	TIME OF INCIDENT	REPORTED BY (NAME)	TELEPHONE NUMBER
June 2, 1984	Sat.	☐ AM ☐ PM	Anonymous	
DATE REPORTED	**DAY OF WEEK**	**TIME REPORTED**	**AGENCY OR FIRM REPORTING**	**REPORTED THRU DIV. EMERGEN. GOVT.**
June 5, 1984	Tues	☐ AM ☐ PM		☐ YES ☐ NO

SUBSTANCE INVOLVED	QUANTITY	UNITS	PERSON OR FIRM RESPONSIBLE
PCB mineral oil	50	Gal	Oscar Mayer
SUBSTANCE INVOLVED	QUANTITY	UNITS	CONTACT NAME / TELEPHONE NUMBER
			Thor Solverson /

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS
☐ SOLID ☒ LIQUID COLOR
☐ SEMISOLID ☐ GAS ODOR

ADDRESS — STREET OR ROUTE

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Madison, WI

CAUSE OF INCIDENT: Connecter broke while moving transformer

☐ TRANSP. RELATED ☒ FACILITY RELATED | SPCC PLAN ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NA

EXACT LOCATION DESCRIPTION (INTERSECTION, MILEAGE, ETC.): Spice - plastics building

COUNTY LOCATION	¼¼, ¼, SECTION, TOWN, RANGE
Dane	

DNR DISTRICT	DNR AREA	SURFACE WATERS AFFECTED	DRAIN. BASIN
SD		☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ POT	

NAME OF SURFACE WATER	NEAREST SURF. WATER	NEAREST STORM SEWER
	____ FT.	____ FT.

GROUNDWATERS AFFECTED ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ POT | NEAREST WELL ☐ PRIV. ☐ MUNIC. ____ FT.

DATE DISTRICT NOTIFIED	DAY OF WEEK	TIME DISTRICT NOTIFIED
		☐ AM ☐ PM
DATE INVESTIGATED	**DAY OF WEEK**	**TIME INVESTIGATED**
6-6-84	Weds	☐ AM ☐ PM

ACTION TAKEN BY SPILLER
☐ NO ACTION TAKEN ☐ NO NOTIFICATION ☐ DELAYED NOTIFICATION
☒ CONTAINMENT; TYPE
☒ CLEANUP; METHOD: oil dry + wash w/ detergent
☐ DISPOSAL; LOCATION
☐ FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTION
☐ CONTRACTOR HIRED; NAME
☐ OTHER ACTION

WEATHER CONDITIONS
TEMPERATURE ____ °F
WIND SPEED ____ MPH DIRECTION OF WIND ____
PRECIPITATION: ☐ YES
DIRECTION OF SPILL MOVEMENT

DISTRICT PERSON NOTIFIED	TELEPHONE NUMBER
	/
PERSON INVESTIGATING	**TELEPHONE NUMBER**
J Brusca	/

ACTION TAKEN BY DNR
☐ NO ACTION TAKEN ☒ INVESTIGATION ☐ 29.29 ENFORCEMENT
☐ CONTAINMENT; TYPE
☐ CLEANUP; METHOD
☐ SUPERVISE CLEANUP (PERSON)
☐ DISPOSAL; LOCATION
☐ SPILLER REQUIRED TO TAKE ACTION; TYPE
☐ CONTRACTOR HIRED BY DNR; NAME
☐ DNR SPILL EXPENSE SENT TO MADISON CENTRAL OFFICE.
☐ EVIDENCE COLLECTED:
☐ PHOTOGRAPHS ____ ☐ STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES
☐ SAMPLES ____ ☐ OTHER

OTHER AGENCIES ON SCENE
LOCAL
STATE
FEDERAL

LIST HUMAN HAZARDS OR CASUALTIES
☐ REAL ☐ POTENTIAL ☐ NONE

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD/DAMAGE ☐ REAL ☐ POTENTIAL
☐ VEGETATION
☐ FISH
☐ WILDLIFE
☐ BIRDS
☐ OTHER
☐ NONE
COMMENTS:

PERSON FILING THIS REPORT (PRINT NAME): Joe Brusca

SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

closed 6-8-84

DISTRICT

Henry Kerr

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DNR Southern District

Date: June 8, 1984

File Ref: 4400

To: File

From: Joe Brusca JB

Subject: PCB Spill - Oscar Mayer Plant, Madison, Dane County

On Saturday, June 2, 1984 a reported spill of PCB's occurred at the Oscar Mayer Building No. 43. No mention was made of the spill to the Department of Emergency Government and information regarding the spill was obtained through an anonymous complaint.

On Tuesday, June 5 Dave Rasmussen notified me in the afternoon of the spill. Dave contacted Oscar Mayer and set up a meeting for Wednesday morning, June 6. We met with Oscar Mayer officials who are in charge of maintenance and inspected building no. 43. The spill occurred in a transformer room while the transformers were being replaced. Anywhere from 20-50 gallons of PCB contaminated oil from the transformer had leaked out while removing the transformer. ENSCO was the contractor involved in the removal. I contacted ENSCO and they had a subcontractor (a subsidiary of their company) identified as American Industrial Waste out of White Bluff, Tennessee, phone number (615) 797-9067) to complete the removal of the transformers. Mr. Jim Spicer was contacted and returned our phone call on the afternoon of June 6. Mr. Spicer said that he was in charge of the spill clean up. 20-50 gallons of PCB spilled out on the second floor of building no. 43. The material also leaked down through conduit piping onto the loading dock on the first floor. He explained that because of the sensitive area and the spices that are stored in the area instead of a strong solvent a household detergent was used. He also indicated that they will have to go back and remove some transformers because some PCB oil leaked underneath those transformers. A shutdown of the plant must occur before final clean up can continue.

Mr. Spicer indicated that they normally would use Tri-chloromethane-3 in a cleanup effort. Oscar Mayer will provide a ventilation in the building to accomodate the use of the solvent. Mr. Spicer indicated that none of the PCB waste got into the storm sewer or escaped from the building and that clean up was immediate by placing dikes of oil-dry around the spill area.

During the inspection of the facility I then took swab samples in two 10 centimeter square areas on the first and second floors and submitted the swabs to the Lab of Hygiene for analysis. Mr. Spicer also indicated that he had a report that was being typed up on the spill and would provide that report for our review. He also indicated that samples were taken of the oil and on the floor area. We will be in contact with the Oscar Mayer Company and American Industrial Waste in the near future about the further clean up of this area.

On June 7th, Dave Degenhardt of the Lab of Hygiene called in the results of the samples. Sample #1 taken adjacent to the transformers on the second floor had 820 micrograms/liter. Sample 2 taken on the loading dock floor on the first floor had 24 micrograms/liter. A satisfactory clean-up effort is 50 microgram/liter.

JB:lt
cc: Dave Rasmussen
Mark Giesfeldt - SW/3
Madison Area
Bureau of Solid Waste - GEF II
Floyd Stautz - SD

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DNR-Madison Area

Date: June 8, 1984 *File Ref:* 4100/4430

To: Joe Brusca

From: C/W David Rasmussen

Subject: Oscar Mayer PCB Spill Investigation

On June 5, 1984 at approximately 10:15 a.m., Area Director Jon Warren advised C/W David Rasmussen of the details of an anonymous telephone complaint he had received concerning a spill of PCB's at the Oscar Mayer plant. The anonymous complainant alleged that on Saturday afternoon, June 2, a contractor hired by Oscar Mayer had spilled about 200 gallons of transformer oil containing PCB's. The complainant alleged that the spilled fluid had leaked from the "Spice Warehouse" roof into a loading dock area, and that the spilled material had been cleaned up and placed in barrels marked "sand". The complainant further alleged that Jack Spohn knew about the spill, and had indicated no one should be told about it.

C/W Rasmussen contacted Oscar Mayer Corp. at 11:00 a.m. on June 5, and spoke with a person identified as Bob Romer. Romer stated that a contractor employed by Oscar Mayer to remove electrical transformers had moved a transformer in an attempt to allow an electrical contractor access to some connectors, and that a connector had broken, spilling fluid onto a concrete floor within a building. Romer first stated he thought only a couple gallons spilled, but later indicated he did not know the exact amount of the spill. Romer stated that some of the spilled fluid had leaked through to a lower level, and had contaminated a pallet. He stated that the entire area was cleaned up, and the spilled material packaged for disposal by the contractor. Romer recommended I talk with Dave Grothman, who Romer stated supervised the project for Oscar Mayer. Grothman was out of town and unavailable.

At 1:00 p.m. on June 5, C/W Rasmussen spoke with Thor Solverson (ext. 6813) of Oscar Mayer. Solverson identified himself as the corporate engineer. He essentially confirmed Romer's account of the spill, with these additional details. Solverson stated the spill was "in the nature of 50 gallons". He stated the spill was entirely within the building, and that the contractor who had removed the transformer and cleaned up the spill was "ENSCO" of Little Rock, AR. He stated the spilled fluid had been soaked up with oil dry and placed in DOT approved barrels. Solverson stated ENSCO was no longer working at the plant. C/W Rasmussen requested that Solverson set up a time when DNR personnel could examine the spill location.

On June 6 at approximately 8:30 a.m., C/W Rasmussen and Joe Brusca, Solid Waste Coordinator, met with Thor Solverson and John Gehl (ext. 4611). Gehl stated he was the Senior Project Engineer for Oscar Mayer. The site of the spill, located on the second level of building 43 (Spice-Plastics Building) was examined. Gehl stated the spill occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. on June 2, and that he was at the scene about 20 minutes later. Gehl stated that the project manager at the scene for ENSCO was Jimmy Spicer, and that the electrical contractor was Badger Electric, Madison. Gehl confirmed that the volume of the spilled transformer oil was about 50 gallons, and that it occurred when a connector broke on the middle of three large transformers which were being replaced. Gehl stated that some spilled liquid had run down to the lower level through a conduit opening in the floor. He stated that the contractor had used oil dry and "dawn" liquid detergent to clean the area. He said 5 or 6 55-gallon drums of contaminated material were removed. Brusca took a swab sample from the concrete floor in the vicinity of the spill. Photos were taken.

The lower level of the building to which the spilled fluid had leaked was a loading dock area. Gehl and Solverson indicated that the floor and a junction box had been cleaned by the contractor, and that a possibly contaminated pallet had been packaged by the contractor for disposal.

Gehl and Solverson indicated when asked that no report of the spill had been made to DNR or Emergency Government. They indicated that because the spill was contained within the building they understood the regulations did not require reporting of the spill.

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