



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
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May 26, 2026

Jason Converse
South Dakota Soybean Processors
PO Box 500
Volga, SD 57071

Subject: Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources File Number 2026.070,
pertaining to a salad oil release at the High Plains Processing facility, 41021
247th Street, Mitchell, South Dakota.

Dear Mr. Converse:

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) is contacting you regarding the event noted above. A copy of the initial spill report form is enclosed for your review. Based upon the information provided, approximately 100 gallons of processed salad oil were released due to a programming and operator error. The spill occurred on concrete and flowed onto ballast material. Pooled liquid was pumped into totes for reprocessing and absorbent pads were applied. The procedures for the response to incidents such as this were developed to protect the water resources of the state of South Dakota. In this situation, DANR requires the following:

- Removed contaminated ballast and absorbent materials and properly dispose at a permitted municipal solid waste landfill;
- Provide this office with a copy of the landfill receipt, and pictures of the spill site post cleanup; and
- By June 22, 2026, complete and return the Written Contamination Incident Follow Up Report form.

Jackie McGuire has been assigned as the project manager for this case. She will review the information provided and will contact you if further remedial action is necessary. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact her at 605.773.326. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Trish Kindt
Inspection, Compliance, & Remediation Program
(605) 773-3296

cc Jeff Bathke, Davison County Emergency Manager

South Dakota Spill Report Form

PRCF #:

Case #: 2026.070

Reported (MM/DD/YY): 5/15/26	Time:	Recorded By: J. McGuire		
A. REPORTER	Reported By: Jason Converse			
	Organization Name: High Plains Processing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discharger <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Federal		
	Phone: 605-627-9240	Email:		
	Address: PO Box 530			
	City: Volga	State: SD Zip: 57071		
B. DISCHARGER (Responsible Party)	Name:			
	Address:			
	City:	State: Zip:		
	Phone:	Email:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As Above in A				
C. INCIDENT DATE & LOCATION	Spill Date: (MM/DD/YY) 05/15/26			
	Spill Time:			
	Street or Approx. Location: 43.656502, -98.004494 41021 257th Street			
	Survey Description:			
<input type="checkbox"/> As Above in B				
D. MATERIAL	Material type (Code/Name): <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Substance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Material Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Quantity Spilled	Spilled in Water	Units (Check one)
	Salad oil	100		<input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> bbl. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> oth.
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				<input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> bbl. <input type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> oth.
E. SOURCE	Source of Spill: <input type="checkbox"/> AST <input type="checkbox"/> UST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Railway <input type="checkbox"/> Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Pipeline <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	Description: Railcar			
	Regulated Tank Facility: <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Facility ID #:			
F. MEDIUM	Medium Affected: <input type="checkbox"/> Air <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater <input type="checkbox"/> Within Facilities Only			
	Waterway Affected: n/a			
G. CAUSE	Reported Cause: <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Accident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational Error <input type="checkbox"/> Dumping <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Failure <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Phenomenon <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	Description: Programming/operator error			
H. DAM- AGES	# of Injuries:		# of Fatalities:	
I. ACTIONS	Response Action Taken:			
	Pooled oil was pumped into totes and absorbent pads were applied.			
K. NOTIFIED	Responding Agency: <input type="checkbox"/> DANR <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discharger <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> EPA <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
	Agencies Notified: DANR			
K. COMMENTS	Comments:			
	Spill went onto concrete pad outside and some spilled onto adjacent ballast. They plan to reclaim the ballast.			

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