



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE  
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

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523 E CAPITOL AVE  
PIERRE SD 57501-3182  
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Jason Converse  
High Plains Processing  
41021 257<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mitchell, SD 57301

May 27, 2026

**Subject:** Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources File Number 2026.077 -  
pertaining to a salad oil spill at High Plains Processing, south of Mitchell, SD.

Dear Mr. Converse:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is contacting you regarding the event noted above. The department has recorded the information provided on an initial spill report form (enclosed for your review). It is understood that a pipe came out of the top of a railcar while loading, spilling an estimated 150 gallons of salad oil, impacting concrete, a drain, and in soil. In response, High Plains Processing soaked up and cleaned off the concrete immediately. Cleanup of impacted soil is planned for today. Taking into consideration the facts summarized above, DANR requires the following (some of these cleanup steps may have already taken place):

- Scrape up the contaminated soil and gravel;
- Properly dispose of all waste contaminated material at a permitted municipal solid waste landfill and provide DANR with a copy of the landfill receipt(s);
- Provide DANR copies of photographs of the spill area and of the impacted containment area to the east, documenting that cleanup occurred;
- By June 29, 2026, complete and return the attached Written Contamination Incident Follow Up Report form.

Jackie McGuire will review the documentation provided and will contact you if further remedial action is necessary. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact her at 605.773.3296. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Trish Kindt  
Inspection, Compliance, and Remediation Program  
Phone: (605) 773-3296

cc: Jeff Bathke, Davison County Emergency Manager  
Kyle Doerr, DANR, WQP

## South Dakota Spill Report Form

**PRCF #:**

**Case #:** 2026.077

Reported (MM/DD/YY): 5/1/26		Time: 11:34 am central - emailed		Recorded By: J. McGuire	
<b>A. REPORTER</b>	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>B. DISCHARGER (Responsible Party)</b>	Name:				
	Address:				
	City:		State:	Zip:	
	Phone:		Email:		
<b>C. INCIDENT DATE &amp; LOCATION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> As Above in B	Spill Date: (MM/DD/YY) 05/26/26		Spill Time:	
<input type="checkbox"/> As Above in A	Street or Approx. Location: 43.656502, -98.004494 41021 257th Street				
<input type="checkbox"/> As Above in B	Survey Description:				
<input type="checkbox"/> As Above in C	City: Mitchell	County: Davison	State: SD	Zip: 57301	
<b>D. MATERIAL</b>	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		150		<input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> bbl. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> oth.
					<input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> bbl. <input type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> oth.
					<input type="checkbox"/> lb. <input type="checkbox"/> bbl. <input type="checkbox"/> gal. <input type="checkbox"/> oth.
<b>E. SOURCE</b>	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 #:				
<b>F. MEDIUM</b>	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				
<b>G. CAUSE</b>	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      Area operators did not attach the chain to secure the loading pipe/arm in the railcar and the pipe came out of the top while loadin				
<b>H. DAM- AGES</b>	# of Injuries:			# of Fatalities:	
<b>I. ACTIONS</b>	Response Action Taken:				
	Pooled oil was pumped into totes and absorbent pads were applied.				
<b>K. NOTIFIED AGENCIES</b>	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				
<b>K. COMMENTS</b>					
	majority of the product was reclaimed/cleaned up on the concrete containment, but some went into the drain that enters the larger tank containment to the east which is dirt/gravel with a liner. Cleanup of the contaminated dirt/gravel is occurring today				

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