



U.S. Department of Transportation
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Hazardous Materials Incident Report

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INSTRUCTIONS

Submit this report to the Information Systems Manager, U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, DHM-63, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. If space provided for any item is inadequate, use a separate sheet of paper, identifying the entry number being completed. Copies of this form and instructions can be obtained from the Office of Hazardous Materials Website at <http://hazmat.dot.gov>. If you have any questions, you can contact the Hazardous Materials Information Center at 1-800-HMR-4922 (1-800-467-4922) or online at <http://hazmat.dot.gov>.

PART I - REPORT TYPE

1. Incident Id: X-2012100111
2. This is to report: A

PART II - GENERAL INCIDENT INFORMATION

3. Date of Incident:
09/21/2012
4. Time of Incident (use 24-hour time):
03:00
5. Enter National Response Center Report Number (if applicable):
6. If you submitted a report to another Federal DOT agency, enter the agency and report number:
7. Location of Incident:
- City: MINNEAPOLIS
County: ANOKA
State: MN
Zip Code: (if known): 55421
Street Address/Mile Marker/Yard Name/Airport/Body of Water/River Mile:
8. Mode of Transportation: Rail
9. Transportation Phase: In Transit
10. Carrier/Reporter:
- Name: BNSF Railway Company
Street: 2600 Lou Menk Drive
City: Fort Worth
State: TX
Zip Code: 76131-2830
Federal DOT Id Number: 281683
Hazmat Registration Number: 062712002010UW
11. Shipper/Officer:
- Name: Gavilon Fertilizer, LLC
Street: 1139 Wesley Road
City: Creve Coeur
State: IL
Zip Code: 61610
Waybill/Shipping Paper: TZPR106507E
Hazmat Registration Number:
12. Origin (if different from shipper address)
- Street: 1139 Wesley Road
City: Creve Coeur
State: IL
Zip Code: 61610
13. Destination:
- Street: 420 County Road 26
City: Beulah
State: ND
Zip Code: 58523
14. Proper Shipping Name of Hazardous Material: AMMONIA ANHYDROUS
15. Technical/Trade Name:
16. Hazardous Class/Division: Nonflammable Compressed Gas
17. Identification Number: (E.g. UN2764, NA 2020) UN1005

18. Packing Group: (if applicable)

19. Quantity Released: (Include Measurement Units) 1 Gas - Pound

20. Was the material shipped as a hazardous waste? False
If yes, provide the EPA Manifest Number:

21. Is this a Toxic by Inhalation (TIH) material? False
If yes, provide the Hazard Zone:

22. Was the material shipped under an Exemption, Approval, or Competent Authority Certificate? False
If yes, provide the Exemption, Approval, or CA number:

23. Was this an undeclared hazardous materials shipment? False

PART III - PACKAGING INFORMATION

24. Check Packaging Type (check only one - if more than one, list type of packaging, copy Part III, and complete for each type:

Tank Car

25. See instructions and enter the appropriate failure codes found at the end of the instructions. Be sure to enter the codes from the list that corresponds to the particular packaging type checked above. Enter the number of codes as appropriate to describe the incident.

Enter the most important failure point in line 1. If there are more than two failure points, provide in this format in part VI.

What Failed: - 134-Liquid Valve; 158-Vapor Valve

How Failed: - 308-Leaked; 308-Leaked

Causes of Failure: - Valve Open; Valve Open

26a. Provide the packaging identification markings, if available.

Identification Markings: 112J340W

(Examples: 1A1/Y1.4/150/92/USA/RB/93/RL, UN31H1/Y0493/USA/M9339/10800/1200, DOT - 105A - 100W (RAIL), DOT 406 (HIGHWAY), DOT 51, DOT 3-A)

26b. For Non-bulk, IBC, or non-specification packaging, if identification markings are incomplete or unavailable, see instructions and complete the following:

Single Package or Outer Packaging:

Single Package or Inner Packaging (if any):

Packaging Type:
Material of Construction:
Head Type (Drums only):

Packaging Type:
Material of Construction:

27. Describe the package capacity and the quantity:

Single Package or Outer Packaging:

Single Package or Inner Packaging (if any):

Package Capacity:
Amount in Package:
Number in Shipment:
Number Failed:

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Amount in Package:
Number in Shipment:
Number Failed:

28. Provide packaging construction and test information, as appropriate:

Manufacturer: TRNTY3

Serial Number: DGCX1129

Material of Construction: AAR TC-128, Gr. B (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank, or Cylinder)

Design Pressure: 340 (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank)

Shell Thickness: 0.625 INCH (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank)

Head Thickness: 0.625 INCH (if Tank Car, CTMV)

Service Pressure: (if Cylinder)

If valve or device failed:

Type:

Model:

Manufacturer:

Manufacture Date: 07/24/1996

Last Test Date: 11/28/2005

29. If the packaging is for Radioactive Materials, complete the following:

Packaging Category:

Packaging Certification:

Certification Number:

Nuclide(s) Present:

Activity:

Critical Safety Index:

Transport Index:

PART IV – CONSEQUENCES

30. Result of Incident (check all that apply):

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|---------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| - Spillage: | False | - Fire: | False |
| - Explosion: | False | - Material Entered Waterway/Storm Sewer: | False |
| - Vapor (Gas) Dispersion: | True | - Environmental Damage: | False |
| - No Release: | False | | |

31. Emergency Response: The following entities responded to the incident: (Check all that apply)

- Fire/EMS Report #: False
Police Report #: False
In-house cleanup: False
Other Cleanup: False

32. Damages Was the total damage cost more than \$500?

True

If yes, enter the following information: (If no, go to question 33.)

Material Loss: \$ 0.00
Carrier Damage: \$ 0.00
Property Damage: \$ 0.00
Response Cost: \$ 2,200.00
Remediation/Cleanup Cost: \$ 0.00
(See damage definitions in the instructions)

33a. Did the hazardous material cause or contribute to a human fatality?

False

If yes, enter the number of fatalities resulting from the hazardous material:

Employees: 0
Responders: 0
General Public: 0

33b. Were there human fatalities that did not result from the hazardous material?

False

If yes, how many? 0

34. Did the hazardous material cause or contribute to personal injury?

True

If yes, enter the number of injuries resulting from the hazardous material:

Hospitalized (Admitted Only):

Employees: 1
Responders: 0
General Public: 0

Non-Hospitalized:

(e.g.: On site first aid or Emergency Room observation and release)

Employees: 0
Responders: 0
General Public: 0

35. Did the hazardous material cause or contribute to an evacuation?

False

If yes, provide the following information:

Total number of general public evacuated:
Total number of employees evacuated:
Total evacuated:
Duration of the evacuation:

36. Was a major transportation artery or facility closed?

False

If yes, how many?

37. Was the material involved in a crash or derailment?

False

If yes, provide the following information:

Estimated speed (mph):
Weather conditions:
Vehicle overturned?
Vehicle left roadway/track?

PART V - AIR INCIDENT INFORMATION (please refer to S 175.31 to report a discrepancy for air shipments)

38. Was the shipment on a passenger aircraft?

If yes, was it tendered as cargo, or as passenger baggage?

39. Where did the incident occur (if unknown, check the appropriate box for the location where the incident was discovered)?

40. What phase(s) had the shipment already undergone prior to the incident? (Check all that apply)

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| - Shipment had not been transported | - Transported by air (first flight) |
| - Transport by air (subsequent flights) | - Initial transport by highway to cargo facility |
| - Transfer at sort center/cargo facility | |

PART VI - DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS & PACKAGE FAILURE

- Describe the sequence of events that led to the incident and the actions taken at the time it was discovered. Describe the package failure, including the size and location of holes, cracks, etc. Photographs and diagrams should be submitted if needed for clarification. Estimate the duration of the release, if possible. Describe what was done to mitigate the effects of the release. Continue on additional sheets if necessary.

Describe:

An ammonia odor was reported in the railyard. The local F.D. using air monitoring devices could not detect ammonia gases in the air at ground level around suspect tank cars. BNSF and contract responders continued to search for the odor source amongst the suspect tank cars. Residue tank car DGCX 1129 was found emanating vapors at the valve housing cover due to the A-end liquid and vapor valves not fully closed and these valves closure plugs not too tight. The responders closed the A-end valves and too tightened their closure plugs which eliminated the vapor release. Intact shipper seal 3636763 at the housing cover was replaced with seal WENCK2039.

During the process of moving/isolating suspect railcars in the railyard for detailed inspection to determine the odor source, a nearby BNSF employee reported exposure to ammonia vapors and was taken to a local hospital for examination and follow-up treatment.

PART VII - RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE

- Where you are able to do so, suggest or describe changes (such as additional training, use of better packaging, or improved operating procedures) to help prevent recurrence. Provide recommendations for improvement to hazardous materials transportation beyond the control of your individual company. Continue on additional sheets if necessary.

Describe:

Ensure shipper's pre-trip inspection process is fully implemented and validated as it relates to the total securement and mechanical fitness of all valves and fittings.

PART VIII – CONTACT INFORMATION

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Date:	
Preparer is:	Carrier

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