

Incident Response Plan or Release Response Plan

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What would you do if you have a release or incident on your course or at your facility? By pre-planning and practicing for a release or incident you will be better equipped to handle a spill or emergency.

What is an *incident*?

An incident is an event where a threat or actual agricultural chemical spill may adversely impact the environment or threaten public safety.



Leak from application equipment



Spill in shop/storage area



Fire



Flood

What to do if an incident or release occurs

- Immediately report the incident to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) by phoning the Minnesota Duty Officer at (800) 422-0798.

Minnesota Duty Officer

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/chemicals/spills/minn-duty-officer.aspx>

- Minimize risks and ensure safety while trying to abate the spill or leak
- Recover any agricultural chemicals involved in the incident and follow these clean up tips: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/chemicals/spills/incidentresponse/guidelist/gd02.aspx>

What is an incident response plan

- A document you develop to prepare for dealing with pesticide and fertilizer incidents quickly and effectively.
- Describes fertilizer and pesticide storage, handling, disposal, and incident handling practices of your business.
- Must be current (reflects all changes since the last revision) and available for review.

Sample Plans

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/~media/Files/chemicals/incidents/responseplan.ashx>

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/news/publications/chemfert/responseplanlong.pdf>

Inspection questions and observations

Does firm have a release response plan?

Violation: No plan available

Order to comply: Within 10 business days that the Order is issued, the facility shall prepare a written release response (contingency) plan that describes its practices for agricultural chemical storage, handling, incident response and disposal.

Financial penalties

Lack of an incident response plan is a common violation seen at golf courses. This constitutes noncompliance and may result in enforcement action and financial penalties.

Statutory authority

Follow the link below to read Minnesota Statute 18B.37, Subd. 4. **Incident response plan.**

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=18B.37>

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