

## 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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# Within the Leather

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Last Thursday I had the pleasure of making a road trip with a few fellow MGCSA associates to

Fargo, North Dakota for the 2014 NDGSA scholarship event. We left at sunrise, played and returned to the Twin Cities well after sunset making this a true road trip.

We caught a really great day too, as mid-September in North Dakota is no gimmie. The sunny, breezy day came and passed with marginal golf, good conversation and for me, a unique look at how another superintendent association functions and the dynamics within it. It was pretty strange walking around before and after the golf at what looked and felt like a MGCSA event, but all the faces were unfamiliar.

The scramble was held at Edgewood Golf Course, a municipal course located on the Red River. We teed off on the first hole, and right away my playing partner Steve Randall from the GCSAA, started to fill me in on some of the changes at the golf course as he had played it years ago growing up in the area. I had heard and read about

Edgewood, along with some other North Dakota and Minnesota courses located on the river concerning the flooding issues they have had to deal with over the years. By the time we got to the fourth hole, which ran right by the river, major changes, (new berms and dykes) became evident. New tees, acres and acres of seeding, and even a new 18th green, elevated to avoid flooding, showed themselves off as we finished the round. For all the destruction and construction that obviously had gone on in 2014 for the guys given the job of maintaining Edgewood, I thought the place looked great and more importantly, played great.

When we finished the round, we met Mark Lindberg, Superintendent at Edgewood. We exchanged greetings and talked a bit and then he related to us that this was it- this was his last year. He was retiring. He wasn't really retiring from work- he said he would probably continue to work within the parks department, but he was done being the head man at Edgewood. He had simply had enough of the rising waters of the Red River and the putting the pieces back together when they receded.

We all wished him luck, ate and sat through the awards presentation. At the end, a tall fellow seated to the right