

April 27, 2021

VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Steven Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Aurora Wind Project, LLC
Aurora Wind Project – Williams County
Siting Application
Case No. PU-18-352**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Aurora Wind Project, LLC (“Aurora”) submits this letter notifying the Commission of an incident that occurred recently at the Aurora Wind Project (“Project”) site. On April 11, 2021, while on the Project site, Aurora’s security team encountered a tank hose with a missing nozzle that was releasing diesel fuel. The tank is owned and operated by Aurora’s contractor, RES America Inc. (“RES”), and Aurora alerted RES to the release. RES reported the incident via the North Dakota Spill Hotline on April 11, 2021, and a copy of the incident report is enclosed. As indicated in the report details, the spill occurred on a flat surface where fuel tanks are stored in the Project laydown area, and no surface water conveyances, wetlands, or environmentally sensitive areas are located in the vicinity of the spill. RES estimated the spill at approximately 75 gallons, but the extent of the spill has not been confirmed at this time. Therefore, Aurora is notifying the Commission separately from the monthly construction reporting out of an abundance of caution.

Currently, RES is in the process of site cleanup, including excavating the impacted soil. Aurora has retained Stantec to monitor RES’s cleanup activities and will provide future updates on cleanup progress in the Project’s monthly construction reports. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Georg Becker-Birck at (978) 935-8325 or georg.becker-birck@enel.com.

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Incident Report
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A copy of this letter and two copies of the incident report are enclosed. Electronic copies of both were filed with the Commission today via e-mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mollie M. Smith".

MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosures

cc: Jerry Lein (via e-mail, w/o enclosure)
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Jaimee Antognazzi (via e-mail, w/o enclosure)
Jennifer Dean (via e-mail, w/o enclosure)
Jeremy Price (via e-mail, w/o enclosure)

Incident Report for 4/11/2021 Oil/Gas Spill (Incident ID: 301) Initial Update Close Out**This report is IN PROGRESS and has not been certified.**

Incident Details		Reporting Party Details	
Description:	Handle from fuel tank was stolen overnight and dyed diesel spilled to ground. Approx 75 gallons spilled.	Incident Date and Time:	4/11/2021 06:45 PM
Incident Type:	Oil/Gas Spill	Incident Subtype :	Tank Leak
Source Type:	Fixed Facility	Source Subtype:	
Incident Status:	Active	Released Into Medium :	Soil
Site Details		Reporting Party Details	
Is Spill Continuous:	No	Reporting Party Name:	Kelli Smythe
Is Spill Contained:	No	Reporting Party Company:	RES
Discovered/Start Date and Time:	4/11/2021 06:45 PM	Reporting Party Phone:	719-420-1239
End Date and Time:	4/11/2021 06:45 PM	Reporting Party Email:	Kelli.Smythe@res-group.com
Reported to NRC:	No	Reported Date and Time:	4/12/2021 2:34 PM
Well Name :		Incident Location	
NDIC File Number :		Address:	6525 103 W Ave NW, Tioga, ND 58852
Oil/Gas Operator :		Location Description:	
Company Name:	RES Americas	Latitude:	48.5017399999992
Facility Name:	Aurora Wind Farm (Tier II Facility ID: 21333)	Longitude:	-103.109169999998
Facility Address:	6525 103 W Ave. NW, Tioga, ND 58852	Section:	20
Nature of Business:	Wind Farm	Township:	158 N
Extent of Spill/Release:	Extent Undetermined	Range:	96 W
Extent Details:	Spill occurred to a flat surface where fuel tanks are stored in the project laydown area. No surface water conveyances, wetlands, or environmental sensitive areas are nearby.	Quarter:	NE¼
		Qquarter:	NW¼
		Source Water Protection Area:	
		County/Tribe:	Williams County
		Fire District:	RAY FIRE
Incident Contacts			
Responsible Authority Contact		Responsible Authority Compliance Contact	
Property Owner Contact			
Certification: I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in pages one through 2, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete.			
Name of Reporting Party	Date Signed	Telephone Number	Signature

Incident Report for 4/11/2021 Oil/Gas Spill (ID: 301)**Incident and Risks**

Expected Cause of Fixed Facility Tank
Leak :

Weather :

Distance from Nearest Occupied Building :

Distance from Nearest Water Well :

Known Health Risks :

Immediate Potential Threats (first 24 Hr) :

Nature of Locale where Incident Occurred :

Wind Direction :

Wind Speed :

Number of Confirmed Injuries : 0

Number of Confirmed Fatalities : 0

Delayed Potential Threats (after first 24 hr) :

Response Details

Estimated Clean Up Completion Date :

Protective Actions Taken :

Evacuations :

Shelter In Place :

Clean Up Action Taken :

Waste Disposal Location :

Other Response Details :

No Response Reason :

Incident Chemicals/Released Substances**Incident Observations**