

U.S. EPA Settles Enforcement Action Concerning Anhydrous Ammonia Release

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On April 2nd, [U.S. EPA announced](#) that it settled a federal enforcement action against Handy Fertilizer Inc. in Millstadt, Illinois. EPA alleged that the defendant failed to provide immediate notification to the National Response Center of a 4,096-pound release of anhydrous ammonia on Sept. 23, 2008 at its plant located at 5959 Floraville Road. The defendant also failed to update the accident history as required by its Risk Management Plan. According to EPA, the release was caused by persons stealing the anhydrous ammonia for illegal methamphetamine production.

Under the terms of the settlement, the defendant paid a \$5,500 penalty and has installed a \$22,855 site security system.

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