

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS# 719374

Date of Incident: 12/06/2022

Potential Liable Party: McNeil Island WA Special Commitment Center

Product Spilled: Mineral Oil/Transformer Oil

Spill Source: (Aboveground Storage tank)

Oil Spill Size Estimate: 40 gallons

Water Body Affected: Luhr Creek

Ecology Region: SWRO

County: Pierce

Nearest City: McNeil Island

Location of Spill: McNeil Island

Cause: Sabotage/Suspected Illegal Activity

Ecology Responder: Courtney Serad

Incident Summary: On December 6, 2022, staff at the McNeil Island Special Commitment Center notified Ecology of a 130-gallon mineral oil spill from a transformer into a nearby pond connected to Luhr Creek on McNeil Island. The spill occurred in the evening of December 6, when an unknown individual damaged an unused ground transformer while apparently attempting to steal the copper pipes. The transformer spilled 130 gallons of non-PCB mineral oil, and an estimated 40-gallons of which spilled to the pond and creek. None of the oil was recovered in the initial 24-hours of the spill.