

## PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**ERTS#** 727657

**Date of Incident:** 12/26/2023

**Potential Liable Party:** Inland Empire Paper Company

**Product Spilled:** Lube Oil

**Spill Source:** Commercial/Industrial Facility

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 1,500 Gallons

**Water Body Affected:** Spokane River

**Ecology Region:** ERO

**County:** Spokane

**Nearest City:** Spokane

**Location of Spill:** 8415 E South Riverway Ave

**Cause:** Mechanical Failure

**Ecology Responder:** Patrick Brown

**Incident Summary:** On December 26, 2023, Ecology received multiple reports of a continuous unknown sheen observed on the Spokane River in the vicinity of North Argonne Road with no obvious source. GrayMar and the Department of Ecology responded to investigate and commence containment and cleanup actions, placing hard and soft boom at Upriver Dam, the Spokane Falls Dam, and 9 Mile Dam. An analysis of samples determined that the sheen was a lube oil. No sheen was observed upstream from Inland Empire Paper Company and an investigation into the facility resulted in the discovery of a faulty heat exchanger as the source. After being identified as the responsible party, Inland Empire hired GeoEngineers to assist in cleanup. At this time, an estimated 992 gallons of product has been recovered with possibly 1,500 gallons released in total. Ecology continues to monitor absorbents and boom, which have been removed downriver from Upriver Dam.