IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FIELD SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE BUREAU
FIELD OFFICE #2 - MASON CITY IOWA

DATE: **May 6, 2026**

TO: **The Record**

FROM: **Robert Quintero**

SUBJECT: **Hydraulic Oil Leak Memo – Jendro Sanitation**
South Main St. and 9th Street, Charles City, IA 50616
Complaint # 36493

On May 5, 2026, Sam Deverell, Fire Chief at Charles City, called the regional spill number and reported that a Jendro Sanitation garbage truck leaked approximately 30 gallons of hydraulic oil onto the road starting at the intersection of South Main St. and 9th St. Mr. Deverell reported that floor dry would be used and no storm sewers or water ways were impacted.

On May 6, 2026, I contacted Sam Deverell for additional information. Mr. Deverell stated that the truck was heading south on South Main St. and noticed a hydraulic fluid leak at about 8th Street (figure 1). The driver then turned left onto 9th St. where they stopped and applied the few bags of floor dry they had in the truck (figure 2). Mr. Deverell stated the leak was about the width of the truck and stayed in the traveled portion of the road. It was a thin layer that did not flow once it hit the pavement. The fire department applied approximately 30 bags of the floor dry on the entire length of the spill path. The floor dry was worked into the liquid and then the city street sweeper collected the material. Mr. Deverell stated it was all cleaned up in less than two hours from when the leak occurred. Mr. Deverell was informed that the trucks hold about 70 gallons of hydraulic fluid and there was still some left in the truck. Mr. Deverell confirmed that no fluid made it to any storm intakes. The two photos found on the Charles City Police Department Facebook page (figures 1 & 2) show dry pavement between the traveled portion of the road and the curb and gutter.

I contacted Dave Hoffman, Jendro Site Operations Manager about the incident. Mr. Hoffman stated they were able to apply the floor dry and work with the city to get it cleaned up. I asked if he knew where the city was going to dispose of the material. Mr. Hoffman stated the city is going to drop it off in a container at Jendros and they would take it to the landfill. Mr. Hoffman said he would send me the before and after pictures that he took of the incident (figures 3-5).

I then spoke with Tony Stonecypher, Charles City Street Superintendent about disposal. He stated that the material was not really saturated and they plan on hauling it to the landfill themselves.

A spill number was not assigned to this incident as it did not meet the definition of a hazardous condition. The material has been cleaned up and did not reach any stormwater intakes.

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Figure 1 - Intersection of South Main St. and 9th St. looking north towards 8th St. (photo from Charles City Police Department Facebook page. (2026-05-05)



Figure 2 - Intersection of South Main St. and 9th St. looking east down 9th St. (photo from Charles City Police Department Facebook page. (2026-05-05)



Figure 3 - Looking south on South Main St. 2026-05-05) (photo submitted by D. Hoffman)



Figure 4 - Looking west on 9th St. towards South Main St. 2026-05-05 (photo submitted by D. Hoffman)



Figure 5 - Looking east on 9th St with clean up in progress 2026-05-05 (photo submitted by D. Hoffman)

