

INSPECTION ACTIVITY REPORT

Selected Northern Facilities — Altona Chemical Company

Inspection File	OSHA-ND-HAZ-24-083
Lead Inspector	Compliance Safety Officer [REDACTED]
Inspection Dates	12 May 2025; 14 June 2025; 09 January 2026
Locations	Bottineau County Transfer Yard; Pembina Corridor Logistics Yard; private rail siding [REDACTED]
Referred By	State environmental complaint, anonymous employee hotline, EPA coordination
Subject Matter	Chemical storage, employee exposure controls, transportation safety, recordkeeping accuracy

FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED

Summary of Safety Concerns

Inspections revealed recurring weaknesses in container labeling, spill-containment maintenance, respiratory-protection documentation, and segregation of incompatible waste streams. Certain employees reported pressure to expedite transfers without full verification of product identity or destination.

At one yard, corrosion was observed on valves and couplings attached to staged tank units. At another location, loading records were maintained in handwritten form despite the company’s stated digital-tracking policy.

Potential Violations

- Improper or incomplete hazardous-material labeling on tanker units.
- Deficiencies in emergency eyewash and decontamination readiness.
- Questionable training records for contract drivers moving mixed chemical loads.
- Possible falsification or back-dating of inspection logs.
- Failure to isolate visibly compromised storage units pending engineering review.

Management Response

Local management characterized the issues as documentation lapses and maintenance backlog rather than systemic misconduct. Corporate representatives acknowledged the need for corrective actions but disputed language suggesting willful noncompliance.

Disposition

Corrective notices issued. Civil penalties discussed but not finalized in this report. Parallel review recommended because several safety deficiencies may overlap with broader environmental-reporting concerns.