

Smoldering Fire Shuts Down Wisconsin Grain Terminal for Several Days



Source: Google Maps

Date: August 29, 2020

Location: Rosalia, Washington (USA)

Address: 5111 SR 271, 99170

Type: Dust Fire

Fuel: Grain Dust

Industry: Grain Storage (Agriculture)

Equipment: Grain Elevator

Company: PNW Farmers Cooperative

Database Incidents: None Recorded

Loss: No Injuries

Capital Cost: Unknown

Status: Open

Confirmation: Unconfirmed

Company Description:

According to its [website](#), the PNW Farmers Cooperative is an agricultural cooperative headquartered in Genesee, Idaho. It was founded in 2008 after a merger between Whitman County Growers, Inc. and Genesee Union Warehouse Company. The cooperative has 45 facilities in locations covering a broad geographic area throughout Whitman and Spokane Counties in Washington State, and Latah, Benewah, and Nez Perce Counties in Idaho.

Incident Description:

On September 4, 2020, [Powder & Bulk Solids](#) reported a fire at a grain terminal in Rosalia, Washington.

According to the local fire department, a smoldering fire ignited in the facility. Although little smoke was showing, there were smoldering fires all throughout enclosed areas like conveyors, dust collection bins, and grain pits.

Staff provided fire crews with access to various areas of the facility to extinguish burning dust, grain and other materials. These areas experienced extensive damage, forcing the plant to shut for several days..

According to a company representative, the fire was caused by sparks from a conveyor belt roller.

No injuries were reported.

Sources:

[Powder & Bulk Solids](#)

[Feed and Grain](#)