

Mandan Fire Department releases fuel tank explosion findings

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On Saturday, January 10, the Mandan Fire Department responded to reports of an oil tank explosion at Mandan's Gray Oil facility. Now, after a week, their investigation has concluded.

According to a press release on Tuesday, January 20, the explosion was deemed to be an accident, which

occurred when hot work was being performed near the tank. Investigators noted that work on the tank had taken place over the week leading up to the explosion.

The tank in question was part of a nine-tank system, but it was the only one that exploded after exposure to heat. While no injuries were reported, six nearby buildings suffered damage in multiple

degrees. The tank lid, in particular, was noted to have been launched 340 feet from the area.

The Mandan Fire Department has documented all findings, and shared them with facility representatives who will make any necessary repairs or changes. No further information is expected to be released at this time.



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