



FINAL Statements - since March 3 Incident

MARCH 6, 2026

3/6/2026 - Continuation of pause on production

In collaboration with state officials, Silfab Solar will continue to pause production operations at its Fort Mill facility through the weekend (March 7-8). During this time, Silfab employees will be on site for non-production related activities while discussions with federal, state and local officials remain ongoing. Silfab looks forward to restarting assembly activities, those consistent with the safe and normal operations it began in October, on Monday at 7:00 pm following U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services reviews on site that day.

Silfab remains committed to continuing safe operations at Fort Mill for its employees and the community and welcomes the additional reviews by DES and EPA.

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3/6/26 - Press Conference statements about incidents at Fort Mill facility

Silfab Solar is very committed to operating safe and secure facilities. Silfab's more than 40-year legacy is one that is focused on safety and producing high-quality solar panels.

It is from this long history of safe operations that we are giving these recent incidents very serious attention.

Operational status

On Thursday, March 5, Silfab voluntarily paused operations. Silfab is not accepting any new chemical deliveries and is working closely with South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (DES) to ensure confidence and compliance on this matter in order to resume full operations as soon as feasible. Silfab is supported by more than 700 employees who are committed to operating a safe facility.

There have been multiple inspections of our facility this week by state and county officials ensuring all protocols are followed and all the necessary equipment and monitoring systems are operating.

Silfab looks forward to working with DES and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to inspect our operations and to review any recommendations of operating systems and



procedures including any additional steps that could ensure Silfab will continue to operate with a high degree of safety.

March 3 incident

On this date, there was an accidental release of up to 300 gallons of water containing an extremely small amount of potassium hydroxide. This chemical is common in household products. At this dilution level (estimated to be 0.03%), there is only a slight risk of irritation.

Silfab's team discovered this leak and immediately initiated steps for containment. The source of the leak was stopped. However, the immediate containment of the materials wasn't achieved and per standard emergency procedures, we called York County emergency services and provided them with detailed scenarios.

At no time during this incident were employees or the public at risk.

Shortly after their arrival, emergency responders assessed the situation and determined there was no immediate threat and cleared the area. A professionally licensed crew then arrived to clean up and neutralize the area. All necessary environmental and corrective work has been completed.

Throughout the day, Silfab worked closely with state DES and York County officials. Based on these collaborative discussions and testing, it was decided – out of an abundance of caution—to remove all the standing water in a nearby on-site retention pond. As part of this remediation at the basin, crews will remove the soil at this retention pond. There is no indication the soil was contaminated, nor has any liquid from this leak been detected beyond Silfab's property.

Silfab is conducting an internal investigation into what caused this spill and will forward our findings to state DES. Determining the cause will enable Silfab to take further actions to prevent an incident like this from happening again.

March 5 incident

There was no leak on Thursday, March 5. There was no basis for alarm.

Silfab received a delivery of hydrofluoric acid during the week of February 23 and our team identified a minor leak (approximately **one drop per hour**) from a bulkhead flange on a hydrofluoric acid holding tank.

The drip was managed using standard spill absorption and neutralization materials. Initial valve adjustments reduced the drip. We are currently preparing to transfer the contents into a secondary holding tank to facilitate a full inspection and repair of the primary unit.



It's important to note that minor leaks of this nature are common industrial occurrences and are managed through standard onsite safety protocols. This event poses no risk to the facility or the surrounding community; for perspective, a drip of this scale in a controlled setting (such as a school laboratory) would not typically trigger a community notification.

Again, this situation was not dangerous and never rose to a level requiring notifications or alerts to agencies, the public or the school district.

Investigations

Silfab has acquired evidence that one or more individuals have trespassed onto our property and possibly provided external parties with false information that may have contributed to needlessly alarming the public. We are investigating further to determine if there were any outside influences that instilled unnecessary concern and fear and have turned over evidence to local law enforcement.

Silfab expresses its sincere apology and concern to the school parents and the greater York County community whose lives were unnecessarily disrupted this week. Silfab is a big part of this community, and our families live here, too. We remain very committed to working with all parties to ensure the community remains informed and we look forward to a more positive future.

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MARCH 5, 2026

3/5/26 - Response to allegations of a new leak

There is no emergency at the Silfab Solar site in Fort Mill this morning and no need for emergency services or any public safety concerns.

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3/5/26 - Statement regarding DES letter and chemical leak

Regarding the letter Silfab Solar received today from the Department of Environmental Services, the Silfab technical response team is addressing the issue in coordination with DES and local officials. The Company has made the decision to voluntarily pause operations today. Silfab confirms that there is no health risk to employees, the community or the environment, and there is no threat to public safety as stated by the York County Office of Emergency Management.



We recognize and appreciate state and local officials' engagement with this condition and will provide ongoing updates.

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MARCH 4, 2026

3/4/26 - Chemical leak update

Silfab Solar is cooperating with DES during its investigation of the minor leak of approximately 300 gallons of water that contained a small amount of potassium hydroxide at our facility on March 3. The leak was confined to a small area on the Silfab property and did not pose a danger to the community or our employees. The leak has been cleared, and we are undertaking remediation efforts in coordination with DES and York County. We have paused chemical deliveries until authorization from DES. In the meantime, Silfab maintains operations safely and responsibly. At the direction of DES, Silfab will only re-start deliveries once all regulatory requirements are satisfied. We are committed to preventing similar incidents in the future. The safety of our employees and the community remain our top priority.

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MARCH 3, 2026

3/3/26 - Updated statement on chemical leak

The clean-up of the spill on Silfab Solar's property this morning will be completed today. There was never any danger to our employees or the public.

As with any emergency, early reports can contain misinformation. Here are the facts:

- The fluid released was less than 300 gallons of mostly water containing 0.03% of potassium hydroxide, a level that would cause skin irritation if touched.
- Silfab's emergency response protocols require us to report worst case scenarios, which led to the report of the potential release of 1,530 gallons of liquid.
- Once the incident was assessed, the amount was much less.
- No injuries occurred.
- The spill was contained within Silfab's property.
- Nearby schools were not impacted.
- Silfab continues to operate within the issued permits.

The release was discovered and reported by Silfab personnel to local emergency personnel, who responded quickly. We appreciate the partnership with local officials who coordinated the response according to established protocols.



At this time, Silfab is working with state and local officials to investigate the cause of the release and will take any steps necessary to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future.

3/3/26 - Initial statement on chemical leak - corrected

Silfab Solar can confirm the accidental release of no more than 300 gallons of water diluted to a level of .03% potassium hydroxide at our Fort Mill facility today. We notified York County emergency management per protocol, and they responded immediately. The situation is under control. We are working with our local emergency services and there is no danger to public safety.

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3/3/26 – Initial statement on chemical leak

Silfab Solar can confirm the accidental release of water containing 0.03 percent of potassium hydroxide at our Fort Mill facility today. We notified York County emergency management per protocol, and they responded immediately. The situation is under control. We are working with our local emergency services and there is no danger to public safety.

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