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Governor's Office Emergency Services Hazardous Materials Spill Report

DATE: 06/24/2021
TIME: 1704

RECEIVED BY:

CONTROL#:
Cal OES - 21-3387
NRC -

1.a. PERSON NOTIFYING Cal OES:

1. NAME: 2. AGENCY: 3. PHONE#: 4. Ext: 5. PAG/CELL:
BC Systems

1.b. PERSON REPORTING SPILL (If different from above):

1. NAME: 2. AGENCY: 3. PHONE#: 4. Ext: 5. PAG/CELL:

2. SUBSTANCE TYPE:

2. a.	b.QTY:>=<Amount	Measure	c. TYPE:	d.	e.	f. VESSEL
SUBSTANCE:				OTHER:	PIPELINE	>= 300 Tons
1. Amonia	=	Unknown	Lbs.	VAPOR	No	No
2.	=				No	No
3.	=				No	No

g. DESCRIPTION:

RP States, cooling unit was damaged by the product that was being placed inside causing the release of Amonia Vapor. Vapor went into atmosphere starting at 1600 and ended at 1615. Has been stopped and contained. Employees evacuated the area for safety precautions. Contractor will be conducting the cleanup.

h. STOPPAGE/CONTAINMENT: Stopped, Contained
i. WATER INVOLVED: No
j. WATERWAY: IMPACTED
k. DRINKING WATER IMPACTED

l. MARITIME VESSEL

m. KNOWN IMPACT
None

3. a. INCIDENT LOCATION: 1341 Merrill St

b. CITY: Salinas c. COUNTY: Monterey County d. ZIP: 93901 MONTEREY BAY UNIFIED APCD

4. INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:

a. DATE: 06/24/2021 b. TIME (Military): 1600 c. SITE: Other d. REPORTED CAUSE: Mechanical

Other : Vegetable Storage Facility

e. INJURIES

No

f. FATALITY

No

g. EVACUATION h. CLEANUP BY:

Yes Contractor
Evacs #: 14

6. NOTIFICATION INFORMATION:

a. ON SCENE: b. OTHER ON SCENE: c. OTHER NOTIFIED:

d. ADMIN. AGENCY: Monterey County Health Department e. SEC. AGENCY:

f. ADDITIONAL COUNTY:

g. ADMIN. AGENCY:

h. NOTIFICATION LIST:

Cal GEM:

RWQCB Unit:

**Monterey County Health Department
Environmental Health Division
Emergency Response Incident Report
Proposition 65 Notification**

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Incident Date: 06/24/2021		Incident Time: 3:45pm	
Incident Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Material <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected Bioterrorist Threat <input type="checkbox"/> Clandestine Drug Lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewage <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Time Notified: 4:15pm		Time Completed: 6:30pm	
Location: 1341 Merrill St		City: Salinas	
Hazardous Material: Anhydrous Ammonia		Quantity: unknown	
Physical Properties: Gas		Physical / Health Hazards:	
Land Use: Commercial	Direct/Constructed Connections Found:	Entered Storm Drain System/Receiving Waters: No	
Environment Affected: Cold Room			Weather / Temperature: 70F
Type of Container: Vacuum Cooling Tube			
First Responder / Agency on Scene:			
Incident Commander:		Agency / Telephone: () -	
Other Responding Personnel / Agencies / Telephone:			
Kemper Refrigeration 125-C Lee Rd, Watsonville (831)772-4681	() -	() -	

Source Investigation Conducted? Yes		Source Identified? Yes	
Responsible Party Information: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Invoice	BC Systems/Fresh Express, c/o Mailing Address: P.O. Box 80599, Salinas, CA 93912 (831)970-3224 , E-Mail:		
Vehicle Information:	O.E.S. Control #: 21-3387	NRC #:	

Other Notifications:				
<input type="checkbox"/> RWQCB	<input type="checkbox"/> Air District	<input type="checkbox"/> MRWPCA	<input type="checkbox"/> DFG	<input type="checkbox"/> NOAA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cal-EMA	<input type="checkbox"/> FED EPA	<input type="checkbox"/> DHS	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>

Narrative: At approximately 4:30pm Senior Inspector, Robert Fernandez, informed me that there had been an ammonia release at BC Systems/Fresh Express. Robert Fernandez had been notified by Juan Hernandez who is the Maintenance Manager at the facility. Juan Hernandez explained the incident to Robert Fernandez and informed him that the ammonia system is currently locked down and the area has been isolated.

I arrived on scene at approximately 6pm and met Juan Hernandez and Trinidad Ramirez who is the Compliance Safety Manager for the facility. Trinidad explained to me that a pallet had hit and damaged an evaporative coil in the vacuum cooling tube which caused an ammonia release. The release was observed immediately and radioed in. The area was immediately evacuated and isolated. Mr. Ramirez stated that the system is currently locked out and will remain locked out until Kemper Refrigeration repairs the damaged evaporative coil. Kemper Refrigeration is scheduled to conduct the repairs on 6/25/2021. I explained to Mr. Ramirez that the CUPA's CalARP Inspector for Monterey County, Robert Fernandez, will be conducting a more detailed inspection on 6/25/2021 as well.

Incident Status:

Mitigated No Further Action Health Department Follow-up Warranted


Referred to other Agency or Department for follow-up:
 Contact information:
 Action taken:

Form Completed By:


 _____ 6/25/21
 Randy McMurray, R. E. H. S. IV Date

FOR LOCAL AGENCY USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND THAT I HAVE REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO LOCAL OFFICIALS PURSUANT TO SECTION 25180.7 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE.


 _____ 6/28/2021
 Ric Encarnacion, R. E. H. S., M. P. H. Date
 Acting Director of Environmental Health

ACTIVITY LOG

Date	Activity	Specialist	Start	Stop	Total
06/24/21	Response	R. McMurray	5:30pm	6:30pm	1hr
06/25/21	Report Writing	R. McMurray	4:30pm	5:00pm	.5

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make your selection - TOTAL:					

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Cal OES Region:

AA/CUPA, DTSC, RWQCB, US EPA, USFWS, AIR RESOURCES BD, Co/WP, Co/Hlth, Co/E-Hlth

Photo Attachment:

11. Cal OES Reg.

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