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Subject: Region 5 ER Notification# 1 : Acme Galvanizing Inc

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Report as of: 1200 hrs CST on Monday, March 16, 2015

Overview: At 0930 on March 16, 2015, EPA was notified of a propane explosion at the Acme Galvanizing facility in Milwaukee, WI (NRC# 1110783). The local fire department has extinguished the fire and commenced an assessment of the facility. The initial entry identified an unknown green-colored liquid in the loading dock area of the facility and air monitoring equipment showed elevated levels of hydrogen cyanide. The source of the green-color liquid is unknown at this time. The sewer drains have been sealed and there is no off-site impact. EPA is supporting the local fire department and WDNR to assess and characterize the unknown liquid. A clean-up contractor is en-route.

State, Local, and other Federal Agency Action: Milwaukee Fire Department and WDNR are on-scene.

EPA Actions: OSC Halbur is on site and is providing assistance to the local fire department and WDNR to develop a site assessment and characterization plan. START is mobilizing to the site.

Media Interest: Yes
http://wgntv.com/2015/03/16/explosion-fire-reported-at-business-on-milwaukees-south-side/

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