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Mary,
FYI. Region 7 is dispatching Paul Doherty, OSC (w/ START contractor support) to supporting state and local emergency response officials on a chemical release in Atchison, Kan. There have been evacuations and injuries reported via local media sources. The EPA on-scene coordinator has been sent to the site to assist first responders and continue operational assessments (air monitoring). Region 7 is coordinating with KDHE, FEMA, EPAHQ EOC. We are coordinating with our R7 Public Affairs (David Bryan) and AWMD (Dave Hensley). We know from Tier II reporting there is also 72,000 lbs of propylene oxide stored on-site.

There is reportedly a very broad evacuation zone: Public schools, Benedictine College, etc. and have been evacuated.

NRC has sent EPA and the state a notification of the release at around 10:30 a.m..
CALLER IS REPORTING WHILE UNLOADING A TRUCK OF SULFURIC ACID, THE PRODUCT WAS PUMPED INTO A TANK CONTAINING SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE. THIS RESULTED IN A CHEMICAL REACTION WHICH CAUSED A RELEASE OF UNKNOWN MATERIAL VAPOR INTO THE AIR. This would likely produce chlorine vapor cloud.

Paul Doherty, OSC will report to:
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216 South 10th Street
Atchison KS
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