

## Chemical spill at Beverley neutralised

Thursday, 8 December 2011

The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) advises people near 746 Port Road, Beverley that an accidental chemical spill of nitric acid on Port Road at Beverley has now been neutralised.

A drum of acid on a truck experienced a leak, causing the substance to spill onto the road and into a drain. MFS firefighters worked with other authorities, including the EPA to block drains in the area and neutralise the spill.

A nearby fast food restaurant and neighbouring business that were evacuated as a precaution during the incident have now returned to normal operations. Traffic restrictions at Port Road, Beverley have been lifted.

Firefighters had anticipated an odour may be present in the neighbourhood while the acid spill was neutralised, however no noticeable odour is present.

MFS Commander, Greg Crossman said the cooperation of the evacuated businesses, as well as the patience of motorists during traffic disruptions this afternoon, was appreciated.

“While it was anticipated that there might be an odour in the area this afternoon due to the acid neutralisation process, I’m pleased that this has been minimal.

“While there is no threat to the public, any concerned residents with respiratory problems may wish to close all doors and windows until the odour dissipates,” Commander Crossman said.

For further information refer to the MFS website [www.mfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.mfs.sa.gov.au)

**Due to the reduced threat, the 1800 ALERTS number that was available to the public during the incident, has been deactivated.**