

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Chemical spill at Port Rd, Beverley

Thursday, 8 December 2011

The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) advises people near 746 Port Road, Beverley that an accidental chemical spill of nitric acid has occurred on Pt Road in the area.

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

Workers and customers at a nearby fast food restaurant have been evacuated, as well as a neighbouring business. Motorists can expect traffic disruptions on Port Road at Beverley into the afternoon.

Firefighters will treat the spill, which may cause an odour in the neighbourhood.

MFS Commander, Greg Crossman says that authorities have already undertaken relevant evacuations and that local residents should not be concerned.

“Residents in the area are advised to close doors and windows for the next several hours while firefighters treat the acid spill. Any necessary evacuations have been carried out,” Commander Crossman said.

People with respiratory problems are advised to stay inside and close all doors and windows until late afternoon.

For further information refer to the MFS website www.mfs.sa.gov.au

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