



**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT BRANCH
SAFE DRINKING AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT
ACT OF 1986
(PROPOSITION 65)**

Co# 0083957

NOTIFICATION OF DISCHARGE FORM

I. Incident Title Palm Valley Mobil

Date Discharge Reported To Hazardous Materials Staff 8/1/2022 Time 1955 hrs

Incident Location: 903 West Florida Ave, Hemet 92543

HEALTH OFFICER NOTIFICATION

II. Date Discharge Report Received 08/03/2022 Time 16:00


Health Officer

Geoffrey Leung, MD

NOTIFICATION OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

III. Date Discharge Report Received _____ Time _____

Signature

Title

NEWS MEDIA NOTIFICATION

| IV. News Media Notified | Date: | Contact Person |
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| 1. <u>Press Enterprise</u> | <u>8/4/2022</u> | <u>News Desk Via Email</u> |
| 2. <u>Desert Sun</u> | <u>8/4/2022</u> | <u>News Desk Via Email</u> |



Signature
Deputy Director

Title



**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT BRANCH**

**SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
DISCHARGE REPORT FORM**

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| | | | | ERCI Number | CO0083957 |
| Date Reported | August 1, 2022 | Time | 1955 Hrs. | Date of Discharge | 8/01/2022 |
| Incident Title | Palm Valley Mobil | | | Telephone Number | 951-925-3636 |
| Incident Location/Address | 903 West Florida Ave | | | | |
| City | Hemet | | | Zip Code | 92543 |
| Potential Responsible Party Address | 903 West Florida Ave., Hemet CA 92543 | | | Telephone Number | 951-925-3636 |
| Description of Incident | Riverside County Department of Environmental Health Haz Mat was notified by Hemet Fire Department that they had been dispatched to the Palm Valley Mobil Station in Hemet to a report of an employee who had been injured due to exposure to liquid propane. The employee was transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center in Murrieta via ambulance due to suffering "cold burns" on the arm area. There was also a reported release of approximately 200-300 gallons of propane to the atmosphere due to possible mechanical failure of a hose on the bulk propane tank. | | | | |
| Substance(s) Discharged/ Threatened Discharge | Commercial Propane Gas (Compressed Liquid form) | | | | |
| Quantity | ~300 Gallons Propane Gas | | | | |
| Characteristics | Corrosive | Ignitable | Reactive | Toxic | Other Simple Asphyxiant, Gas under pressure Refrigerated Liquid form at -44° F |
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| Extent of Contamination | Soil | None Observed | | | |
| | Water | None Observed | | | |
| | Air | Vapors within incident area that rapidly dissipated | | | |
| | Property or Persons | One adult employee with reported "cold burn" exposure | | | |
| Health & Safety Threat | Flammable, keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so. May displace oxygen. Information obtained from safety data sheet. | | | Time of Threat | 1700 hrs. |
| Health Recommendation | Immediately relocate to fresh air. Liquefied gas may cause cryogenic burns/injury. Affected skin areas may be treated with lukewarm water, do not rub, or remove adhered clothing. If breathing is difficult, provide oxygen. Light hydrocarbon gases are simple asphyxiants and can cause anesthetic effects at high concentrations. Symptoms of overexposure can include shortness of breath, drowsiness, headaches, confusion, decreased coordination, visual disturbances, and vomiting. Continued exposure can lead to hypoxia (inadequate oxygen). Remove/contain source of release by qualified personnel. Information obtained from SDS. | | | | |
| Description of Initial Mitigation Measures (evacuation, berming, absorption, containerizing) | Bulk propane tank was secured in the outside area at the back of the facility. Hemet Fire activated a safety valve on the tank which stopped the propane release. Facility was ventilated but no evacuation occurred. No additional employees or customers reported exposure/injury. Liquid and Vapor release from bulk tank container released to atmosphere and quickly dissipated. | | | | |
| Cleanup Status | Propane tank vendor to investigate incident and complete repairs as needed. | | | | |
| Reported By | Wes Wesolowski Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Management Branch | | | | |
| Title | Environmental Health Specialist IV | Designated Employee | | | |