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Subject: Significant Incident: Explosion at Superior Refining Company LLC Update #1
Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:27:22 PM

Update on explosion and fire at Superior Refining:

The fire at Superior Refining was reported out at ~1100HRS. The current estimate on injuries is 20 with no fatalities. USEPA Region 5 Emergency Response Branch is mobilizing and will be on site at ~1430HRS. Sager will meet EPA on site. We currently have no further reports of hazardous substance discharge other than the air release (smoke) and the asphalt discharge referred to in my email from 11:02HRS.

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I spoke to Dave Beattie, Environmental Technologist, at Superior Refining Company at ~1034HRS.

The explosion and fire at the refinery caused several injuries from shrapnel and several people have been taken to the hospital. Exact numbers of injuries is unknown. The cause and exact location of the explosion is not known at this time. There is a large plume of smoke that is dissipating. There continues to be black smoke being released from the flair. Superior refining has notified John Tadelski, WDNR Air Engineer Eau Claire, of the air release. Superior Refining is setting up air monitoring equipment. One asphalt tank was ruptured from shrapnel and is leaking. The released asphalt is within containment and Superior Refining is responding to the release. At this time there are no reports of other spills associated with the explosion. This email will be updated when new information is received.

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At 10:08 AM the DNR Call Center receive a call through the WEM Hotline from Superior Refining Company stating that there was a large explosion, fire and spill. The explosion was caused by some sort of Hydro Carbon, there is a lot of black smoke. Nothing has spilled into the waterways at this time. There are injuries but nothing was known about the extent at the time of the call.

There is not a lot of information at this time. The company will call back with updates when they get the chance.

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