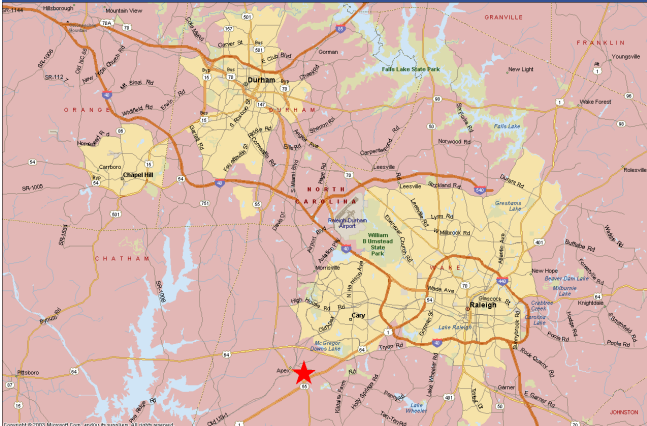


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ALERT SUMMARY: APEX INDUSTRIAL FIRE & EVACUATION

DATE
October 5th, 2006

TIME
23:15

LOCATION
Investment Blvd & Schieffelin Rd
Apex, North Carolina

INCIDENT SITUATION

A fire at the Environmental Quality Industrial Services plant in Apex, North Carolina, caused the evacuation of over 17,000 people on October 5th. Officials issued the evacuation order due to fears of toxic smoke fed by industrial waste ranging from paints to solvents, and stores chemicals including chlorine, pesticides, herbicides, sulfur, and fertilizer. Thick black smoke and a yellow gas cloud were seen as well as numerous explosions. Forty-four people were treated at nearby hospitals for breathing difficulties. Downtown Apex and several schools in the area were closed during the incident.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze by the morning of October 7th and instituted a five-phase re-entry plan. Ninety percent of displaced residents were allowed to return to their homes with the only exception being the area immediately surrounding the plant. A chemical analysis of the area determined that the levels of toxins were not sufficient to cause long-term health problems. No residual chemicals, odors, or vapors were detected and no side effects or significant health risks are expected.

NC4 COVERAGE

NC4 provides ongoing updates to members as the incident unfolds through the National Incident Monitoring Center (NIMC). NIMC analysts follow the incident using official government sources as well as national and international media sources.

-linking to NBC breaking news article, "All Apex Residents Urged to Stay Inside" including live video, maps of the phased re-entry, and maps of the affected area.

Selected NIMC Updates:

Crews responding to chlorine spill & subsequent explosions.
2006-10-05 20:15 PDT

16,000 people were evacuated and some are ill due to a gas cloud.
2006-10-05 22:06 PDT

Authorities declared a State of Emergency due to a plant fire.
2006-10-05 22:11 PDT

Eleven people were treated for respiratory problems from the gas.
2006-10-06 00:52 PDT

As many as 17,000 affected following a 4-alarm chemical fire.
2006-10-06 04:58 PDT

A five-phase re-entry plan is in place to repopulate most of Apex.
2006-10-7 05:33 PDT

No residual chemicals or odors detected, no serious health risk.
2006-10-07 08:31 PDT

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