



U.S. Department of Transportation
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Hazardous Materials Incident Report

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INSTRUCTIONS

Submit this report to the Information Systems Manager, U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, DHM-63, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. If space provided for any item is inadequate, use a separate sheet of paper, identifying the entry number being completed. Copies of this form and instructions can be obtained from the Office of Hazardous Materials Website at <http://hazmat.dot.gov>. If you have any questions, you can contact the Hazardous Materials Information Center at 1-800-HMR-4922 (1-800-467-4922) or online at <http://hazmat.dot.gov>.

PART I - REPORT TYPE

1. Incident Id: E-2009090372
2. This is to report: A

PART II - GENERAL INCIDENT INFORMATION

3. Date of Incident:
08/26/2009
4. Time of Incident (use 24-hour time):
14:30
5. Enter National Response Center Report Number (if applicable):
916097
6. If you submitted a report to another Federal DOT agency, enter the agency and report number:
7. Location of Incident:
City: LYNCH
County: KENT
State: MD
Zip Code: (if known): 21678
Street Address/Mile Marker/Yard Name/Airport/Body of Water/River Mile:
11545 Lynch Road
8. Mode of Transportation: Highway
9. Transportation Phase: Loading
10. Carrier/Reporter:
Name: Southern States Cooperative, Inc
Street: 6606 West Broad Street
City: RICHMOND
State: VA
Zip Code: 23230
Federal DOT Id Number: 004969
Hazmat Registration Number: 062509550086R
11. Shipper/Officer:
Name: Southern States Cooperative, Inc.
Street: 201 E. Main Street
City: SUDLERSVILLE
State: MD
Zip Code: 21668
Waybill/Shipping Paper:
Hazmat Registration Number: 062509550086R
12. Origin (if different from shipper address)
Street: 11545 Lynch Road
City: LYNCH
State: MD
Zip Code: 21678
13. Destination:
Street: was to be determined
City:
State:
Zip Code:
14. Proper Shipping Name of Hazardous Material: LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS
15. Technical/Trade Name: Propane
16. Hazardous Class/Division: Flammable Gas
17. Identification Number: (E.g. UN2764, NA 2020) UN1075

18. Packing Group: (if applicable)

19. Quantity Released: (Include Measurement Units) 30 Gas - Gallon

20. Was the material shipped as a hazardous waste? False

If yes, provide the EPA Manifest Number:

21. Is this a Toxic by Inhalation (TIH) material? False

If yes, provide the Hazard Zone:

22. Was the material shipped under an Exemption, Approval, or Competent Authority Certificate? False

If yes, provide the Exemption, Approval, or CA number:

23. Was this an undeclared hazardous materials shipment? False

PART III - PACKAGING INFORMATION

24. Check Packaging Type (check only one - if more than one, list type of packaging, copy Part III, and complete for each type:

Cargo Tank Motor Vehicle (CTMV)

25. See instructions and enter the appropriate failure codes found at the end of the instructions. Be sure to enter the codes from the list that corresponds to the particular packaging type checked above. Enter the number of codes as appropriate to describe the incident.

Enter the most important failure point in line 1. If there are more than two failure points, provide in this format in part VI.

What Failed: - 134-Liquid Valve; 135-Loading or Unloading Lines

How Failed: - 308-Leaked; 308-Leaked

Causes of Failure: - Dropped; Human Error

26a. Provide the packaging identification markings, if available.

Identification Markings: MC331

(Examples: 1A1/Y1.4/150/92/USA/RB/93/RL, UN31H1/Y0493/USA/M9339/10800/1200, DOT - 105A - 100W (RAIL), DOT 406 (HIGHWAY), DOT 51, DOT 3-A)

26b. For Non-bulk, IBC, or non-specification packaging, if identification markings are incomplete or unavailable, see instructions and complete the following:

Single Package or Outer Packaging:

Single Package or Inner Packaging (if any):

Packaging Type:
Material of Construction:
Head Type (Drums only):

Packaging Type:
Material of Construction:

27. Describe the package capacity and the quantity:

Single Package or Outer Packaging:

Single Package or Inner Packaging (if any):

Package Capacity: 3499 Gas - Gallon
Amount in Package: 2799 Gas - Gallon
Number in Shipment: 1
Number Failed: 1

Package Capacity:
Amount in Package:
Number in Shipment:
Number Failed:

28. Provide packaging construction and test information, as appropriate:

Manufacturer:
Serial Number:
Material of Construction: (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank, or Cylinder)
Design Pressure: (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank)
Shell Thickness: (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank)
Head Thickness: (if Tank Car, CTMV)
Service Pressure: (if Cylinder)
If valve or device failed:
Type:
Model:
Manufacturer:

Manufacture Date:
Last Test Date:

29. If the packaging is for Radioactive Materials, complete the following:

Packaging Category:
Packaging Certification:
Certification Number:
Nuclide(s) Present: Transport Index:
Activity:
Critical Safety Index:

PART IV – CONSEQUENCES

30. Result of Incident (check all that apply):

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|---------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| - Spillage: | False | - Fire: | True |
| - Explosion: | False | - Material Entered Waterway/Storm Sewer: | False |
| - Vapor (Gas) Dispersion: | True | - Environmental Damage: | False |
| - No Release: | False | | |

31. Emergency Response: The following entities responded to the incident: (Check all that apply)

- Fire/EMS Report #: False
Police Report #: False
In-house cleanup: False
Other Cleanup: False

32. Damages Was the total damage cost more than \$500?

True

If yes, enter the following information: (If no, go to question 33.)

Material Loss: \$ 50.00
Carrier Damage: \$ 15,000.00
Property Damage: \$ 350.00
Response Cost: \$ 0.00
Remediation/Cleanup Cost: \$ 0.00
(See damage definitions in the instructions)

33a. Did the hazardous material cause or contribute to a human fatality?

False

If yes, enter the number of fatalities resulting from the hazardous material:

Employees: 0
Responders: 0
General Public: 0

33b. Were there human fatalities that did not result from the hazardous material?

False

If yes, how many? 0

34. Did the hazardous material cause or contribute to personal injury?

True

If yes, enter the number of injuries resulting from the hazardous material:

Hospitalized (Admitted Only):

Employees: 1
Responders: 0
General Public: 0

Non-Hospitalized:

(e.g.: On site first aid or Emergency Room observation and release)

Employees: 0
Responders: 0
General Public: 0

35. Did the hazardous material cause or contribute to an evacuation?

False

If yes, provide the following information:

Total number of general public evacuated: 0
Total number of employees evacuated: 0
Total evacuated: 0
Duration of the evacuation: 0

36. Was a major transportation artery or facility closed?

False

If yes, how many? 0

37. Was the material involved in a crash or derailment?

False

If yes, provide the following information:

Estimated speed (mph): 0
Weather conditions:
Vehicle overturned?
Vehicle left roadway/track?

PART V - AIR INCIDENT INFORMATION (please refer to S 175.31 to report a discrepancy for air shipments)

38. Was the shipment on a passenger aircraft?

If yes, was it tendered as cargo, or as passenger baggage?

39. Where did the incident occur (if unknown, check the appropriate box for the location where the incident was discovered)?

40. What phase(s) had the shipment already undergone prior to the incident? (Check all that apply)

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| - Shipment had not been transported | - Transported by air (first flight) |
| - Transport by air (subsequent flights) | - Initial transport by highway to cargo facility |
| - Transfer at sort center/cargo facility | |

PART VI - DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS & PACKAGE FAILURE

- Describe the sequence of events that led to the incident and the actions taken at the time it was discovered. Describe the package failure, including the size and location of holes, cracks, etc. Photographs and diagrams should be submitted if needed for clarification. Estimate the duration of the release, if possible. Describe what was done to mitigate the effects of the release. Continue on additional sheets if necessary.

Describe:

Driver had finished loading propane truck and had disconnected his fill hose. Driver was carrying loading hose back to storage rack when he dropped the hose resulting in hose end valve coming open and releasing propane.

Driver attempted to shut piping valving when the vapor cloud reached a source of ignition and resulted in a flash fire. Propane release and fire lasted approximately 5-10 seconds.

Flash fire activated emergency shut off system which closed down tank and piping shut off valve.

Driver received burns during flash fire and moved about 30 feet along fence line and waited for emergency responders.

PART VII - RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE

- Where you are able to do so, suggest or describe changes (such as additional training, use of better packaging, or improved operating procedures) to help prevent recurrence. Provide recommendations for improvement to hazardous materials transportation beyond the control of your individual company. Continue on additional sheets if necessary.

Describe:

Damage to emergency shut off system resulting from the fire has been repaired.

Loading at facility has been suspended until piping system can be re-plumbed and loading point moved to opposite end of facility.

We have conducted a refresher training on September 11, 2009 of proper loading procedures.

PART VIII – CONTACT INFORMATION

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