



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-2009070369
2. This is to report: A

PART II - GENERAL INCIDENT INFORMATION

3. Date of Incident:
06/29/2009
4. Time of Incident (use 24-hour time):
10:45
5. Enter National Response Center Report Number (if applicable):
910077
6. If you submitted a report to another Federal DOT agency, enter the agency and report number:
7. Location of Incident:
City: KNOX
County: WALDO
State: ME
Zip Code: (if known): 04986
Street Address/Mile Marker/Yard Name/Airport/Body of Water/River Mile:
550 Belfast Road, State Rt 137
8. Mode of Transportation: Highway
9. Transportation Phase: In Transit
10. Carrier/Reporter:
Name: GAC Chemical Corporation
Street: 34 Kidder Point Road
City: SEARSPORT
State: ME
Zip Code: 04974
Federal DOT Id Number: 320078
Hazmat Registration Number: 052709005008R
11. Shipper/Officer:
Name: K A Steel Chemicals, Inc.
Street: 15185 Main Street
City: LEMONT
State: IL
Zip Code: 60439
Waybill/Shipping Paper: 0574508
Hazmat Registration Number: 051209005022R
12. Origin (if different from shipper address)
Street: Macks Point, Trundy Road
City: SEARSPORT
State: ME
Zip Code: 04974
13. Destination:
Street: 1329 Waterville Road
City: SKOWHEGAN
State: ME
Zip Code: 04976
14. Proper Shipping Name of Hazardous Material: SODIUM HYDROXIDE, SOLUTION
15. Technical/Trade Name: Caustic soda
16. Hazardous Class/Division: Corrosive Material
17. Identification Number: (E.g. UN2764, NA 2020) UN1824

18. Packing Group: (if applicable) II

19. Quantity Released: (Include Measurement Units) 680 Liquid - 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: - 137-Manway or Dome Cover; 150-Tank Shell

How Failed: - 307-Gouged or Cut; 308-Leaked

Causes of Failure: - Dropped; Vehicular Crash or Accident Damage

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

Identification Markings: DOT 407

(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: 5400 Liquid - Gallon
Amount in Package: 5014 Liquid - 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:	Heil	Manufacture Date:	02/03/1997
Serial Number:	T9AE15C4VF003190	Last Test Date:	02/11/2009
Material of Construction:	316 L stainless steel (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank, or Cylinder)		
Design Pressure:	35 PSI (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank)		
Shell Thickness:	0.187 INCH (if Tank Car, CTMV, Portable Tank)		
Head Thickness:	0.25 INCH (if Tank Car, CTMV)		
Service Pressure:	(if Cylinder)		
If valve or device failed:			
Type:			
Model:			
Manufacturer:			

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

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

- Fire/EMS Report #: False
Police Report #: True W09-3410
In-house cleanup: True
Other Cleanup: True

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: \$ 650.00
Carrier Damage: \$ 100,000.00
Property Damage: \$ 25,000.00
Response Cost: \$ 32,000.00
Remediation/Cleanup Cost: \$ 65,000.00
(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?

False

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

Hospitalized (Admitted Only):

Employees: 0
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?

True

If yes, how many? 12

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

True

If yes, provide the following information:

Estimated speed (mph): 40
Weather conditions: Overcast
Vehicle overturned? True
Vehicle left roadway/track? True

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:

The driver of a car with no other passengers failed to stop at an intersection. The car entered the intersection from the right and was struck broadside by a GAC Chemical tractor and tank trailer. Both vehicles overturned and went off the left side of the road into the yard of a homeowner. The driver of the car was unconscious. The truck driver was able to extract himself and went to a neighbors house to call 911 and GAC Chemical dispatch. Local fire/EMS personnel arrived on the scene first, secured the area, extracted the driver of the car and transported him to a local hospital. Due to the possibility of spilled material GAC

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:

PART VIII – CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact's Name:	Peter Goodwin
Contact's Title:	Production/Safety Director
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Fax Number:	207-548-2891
Hazmat Registration Number:	320078
Date:	07/27/2009
Preparer is:	Carrier

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