



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: I-2008110602
2. This is to report: A

PART II - GENERAL INCIDENT INFORMATION

3. Date of Incident:
10/28/2008
4. Time of Incident (use 24-hour time):
08:50
5. Enter National Response Center Report Number (if applicable):
6. If you submitted a report to another Federal DOT agency, enter the agency and report number:
7. Location of Incident:
- City: MARION
County: SMYTH
State: VA
Zip Code: (if known): 24354
Street Address/Mile Marker/Yard Name/Airport/Body of Water/River Mile:
1148 LEE HIGHWAY
8. Mode of Transportation: Highway
9. Transportation Phase: In Transit Storage
10. Carrier/Reporter:
- Name: HERITAGE OPERATING L.P.
Street: 754 RIVER ROCK DRIVE
City: HELENA
State: MT
Zip Code: 59602
Federal DOT Id Number: 242281
Hazmat Registration Number: 061807552011PR
11. Shipper/Offendor:
- Name: HERITAGE OPERATING L.P. DBA HERITAGE PROPANE
Street: 1148 LEE HIGHWAY
City: Marion
State: VA
Zip Code: 24354
Waybill/Shipping Paper:
Hazmat Registration Number: 061807552011PR
12. Origin (if different from shipper address)
- Street:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
13. Destination:
- Street: VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER
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) 5 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:

Other, BLK STORAGE TANK

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: - 161-Weld or Seam

How Failed: - 308-Leaked

Causes of Failure: - Corrosion - Exterior

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

Identification Markings:

(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: 30000 Liquid - Gallon
Amount in Package: 19200 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: BETHLEHEM STEEL CORP.
Serial Number: 442
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: 01/01/1947
Last Test Date: 01/01/1947

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

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

Transport Index:

PART IV – CONSEQUENCES

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

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|---------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| - Spillage: | False | - Fire: | False |
| - 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 #: True 2008-753
Police Report #: False
In-house cleanup: False
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: \$ 10.00
Carrier Damage: \$ 6,289.00
Property Damage: \$ 0.00
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?

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:
Total number of employees evacuated:
Total evacuated:
Duration of the evacuation:

36. Was a major transportation artery or facility closed?

True

If yes, how many? 8

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

False

If yes, provide the following information:

Estimated speed (mph):
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:

At 8:50 am our employee noticed propane vapor around the top of our 30,000 gallon w.c. storage tank after loading his bobtail delivery truck (CTMV). It was determined that the liquid by-pass pipe return from the pump was leaking at a weld where the by-pass return pipe passed through the manway of the storage container. Due to the configuration of the piping and associated valves, only the propane in the pump by-pass return piping was released and dispersed to the atmosphere - approximately 5 gallons. Emergency response personnel were contacted and immediately dispatched. Immediately upon arriving and systematically every 45 minutes thereafter, Emergency Response Personnel used combustible gas detectors to check for levels of propane - none was ever detected. Our transport division dispatched two transports to unload the storage tank, as a precautionary measure and to aid in the accessibility to our plant by Emergency Responders and our two transport vehicles to unload the storage tank. At 9:30 am the roadway was closed to the general public. The closure lasted approximately 8 hours but was not done as a direct result of the hazardous material. By 6:00 pm all liquid had been removed from the storage tank and the roadway re-opened. At that time Highlands Millwright Company flared off remaining propane vapor pressure in storage tank. Flaring was completed at midnight. Repairs cost to the piping system and manway totaled \$6289.60 (as indicated earlier) for parts and labor.

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

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Hazmat Registration Number:	
Date:	11/21/2008
Preparer is:	Shipper

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