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Emergency Services Personnel Respond to Minor Spill

Akwesasne Territory. At approximately 8:00 pm on Friday evening November 19, 2010, employees of the Hogansburg (Akwesasne) post office notified emergency services officials after discovering a package that was leaking a liquid. The liquid was later identified as an herbal mixture containing medicinal chloroform. As a result, an area of St. Regis Road, in proximity to the post office was shut down and traffic was re-routed to McGee Rd.

Although the leakage appears to have been small, and believed to be in the range of four ounces or less, the postmaster, a postal inspector and one mail carrier were exposed. The Franklin County HAZMAT and emergency services teams arrived on site to investigate and clear up the situation. Bombay Fire and Rescue provided emergency medical services. Tribal agencies which responded were the Environmental Response team, Emergency Planning, Mohawk Tribal Police and the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department. The Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Service was on stand-by at the incident command center.

No evacuation was required as a result of this small spill and no injuries were reported. An incident command center was established at Fire Station one, State Route 37 to manage and resolve the situation. Although officials expected that the situation would be cleared up by 12:00 midnight, the roads were re-opened just before 11:00 pm.

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