

LAMBERTVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY



NEWS UPDATE: 6/28/24

The Lambertville MUA had an incident at the Plant on Wednesday, night (6/26). Our Peroxide tank had a large reaction to a currently unknown contaminant and compounded with the extreme heat that caused the top cap of the tank to blow and the peroxide to gas off. The gas odor is most commonly described as pungent, vinegar-like and is corrosive.

The police, fire, Hunterdon County Hazmat and two of our operators and Operations Supervisor, David Rose arrived at the Plant by 5:30 p.m. after an odor complaint was called into the police. After assessing the situation, Hunterdon County Hazmat contacted NJ DEP for assistance. Hunterdon County Hazmat in coordination with the local Emergency Response Team set up a perimeter around the plant as a safety precaution.

NJ DEP, after arriving on scene, contracted a specialized company called Ken's Marine Services, Inc. who is trained in hazardous material removal. Ken's Marine Services, Inc. determined the best course of action was to add water to the tank and dilute the chemical and then discharge the diluted chemical into our influent where it is regularly administered as part of our odor control operations.

Thankfully there were no injuries and no property damage that occurred other than the tank the chemical was stored in. We are so thankful to have a wonderful response team and we are working to figure out the cause and to determine if it is in the best interest of the LMUA to continue using the chemical.

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