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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO MONITOR FIRE AT PLANT

(Nazareth, Pennsylvania) – Emergency Management officials continue to monitor the fire at the NICO Polymer Plant in Plainfield Township. Resources from surrounding counties have been mobilized to assist with the large scale effort. Firefighting activities are ongoing and there have been no reported injuries.

Tests performed throughout the day by PA DEP continue to indicate that there are no abnormal issues with air quality. A temporary shelter was established for nearby residents at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1422 Church Road.

Incoming response units and fire apparatus have been staged at the Northampton County Emergency Operations Center. Six counties are providing fire support for Northampton County: PA – Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe and Warren County, NJ.

Northampton County Emergency Management Services has been on site since early this morning assisting fire command with resource coordination and providing logistical support. Emergency Management Services Director, Robert Mateff, noted that the response was a coordinated effort and commended the numerous agencies involved.

Residents should still plan for possible transportation delays in the area. Motorists are asked to avoid travel in and around the area until the fire is contained. People with respiratory difficulties are cautioned to remain indoors as a precautionary measure.

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1. For emergency preparedness information, visit www.nc911.org.

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