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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS RESPOND TO MASSIVE BLAZE AT PLANT

(Nazareth, Pennsylvania) – Northampton County Division of Emergency Management Services is closely monitoring a massive fire at the NICO Polymer Plant located at the 700 block of Bangor Road in Plainfield Township.

Emergency Management officials are on scene assisting fire department incident command. Ongoing air and water monitoring tests performed by the PA DEP indicate there are no abnormal issues with air quality at this time. A monitoring site nearby has been established and will be closely monitored throughout the day.

A temporary shelter has been established as a precautionary measure at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1422 Church Road in Plainfield Township.

More than 57 response agencies have been dispatched with approximately 100 to 150 emergency responders providing support. Northampton County Emergency Management Services Director, Robert Mateff, noted that safety of first responders is critical.

Residents are urged to plan for possible transportation delays in the area. Motorists are asked to avoid travel in and around the area until the fire is out. People with respiratory difficulties are cautioned to remain indoors.

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

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