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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Minor Chlorine Leak at Local Company

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (*April 23, 2015*) – At approximately 8:45 a.m., Lower Providence Township Police and the Lower Providence Fire Company responded to reports of an odor of chlorine in the area of Woodlyn and Clearfield Avenues. Once the source was determined, precautionary evacuations of approximately 50 surrounding homes were made. A temporary shelter was established at the Lower Providence Fire Company.

The source of the odor was determined to be the ER Joseph Company on Woodlyn Avenue, where the cleaning of a tank caused the chlorine to become airborne. The tank was capped, isolating the source. As a result of the leak, four people were transported to area hospitals for evaluation.

Because emergency personnel needed to vent the area, residents in the surrounding area were advised to shelter-in-place for a short period of time. All restrictions were lifted by noon.

All active scene operations ended at 12:45 p.m. The incident is currently under investigation by Lower Providence Township officials, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

On scene were officials from the Lower Providence Township Police Department, Lower Providence Fire Company, Lower Providence EMS, Lower Providence Township Code Department, West Norriton Fire Marshal's office, Jeffersonville Fire Company, Collegeville Fire Company, Plymouth Ambulance, DEP, and OSHA.

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