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Chemical Leak at OMNOVA Solutions Mogadore Plant Sealed No threat to community and evacuated residents cleared to return home

BEACHWOOD, OHIO, USA, June 21, 2018 - Workers at the OMNOVA Solutions plant in Mogadore, Ohio this morning detected a chemical leak from a railcar at the facility. The leak has been sealed and the released chemical has been contained and poses no threat to the community or employees at the plant.

Local safety authorities including Fire, Police and HAZMAT were immediately notified after the leak was detected and, as a precaution, the Mogadore fire chief evacuated 19 nearby residents to a local school facility. There were no injuries or reported exposures and residents have since been cleared to return to their homes following air quality monitoring by the fire department.

OMNOVA is working with authorities and the chemical supplier to understand the cause of the leak, which released Butadiene, a chemical used in the manufacture of rubber latex.

“We are thankful for the diligence of our employees in identifying the leak and following our safety procedures to ensure a fast response and safe outcome. The safety of our community and employees is always our top priority,” said Jennifer Muffley, Plant Manager at OMNOVA’s Mogadore facility. “We are also extremely grateful for the excellent response and support from our local safety partners including the Mogadore Fire Department, Police Department, and the Summit County HAZMAT team.”

Mogadore community members who have questions or concerns can contact Suzanne LaRocca at OMNOVA Solutions, 330-628-6458.

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