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LACoFD INVESTIGATES AND CLEARS SITE FOR POSSIBLE CHEMICAL SPILL

Los Angeles, CA – The Los Angeles County Fire Department’s (LACoFD) Health Hazardous Materials Division has investigated an incident for a chemical spill at an abandoned oil field and cleared it with no threat to public health.

Today at 11:20 a.m., LACoFD firefighters initially responded to a reported gas leak in an unincorporated area of Compton. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a small amount of mercaptan (a chemical used to odorize natural gas) had spilled which resulted in a natural gas smell permeating the immediate area and areas downwind to the east.

Although the smell was not a fire or health concern, and as a precautionary measure, nearby residents were asked to remain indoors until the odor dissipated. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported.

One LACoFD engine remains on-scene to monitor the situation tonight.

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