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NEWS RELEASE

Port, Coast Guard and Guam EPA respond to a gas spill at Harbor of Refuge road

Piti, Guam, June 17, 2022: At 11:00 am today, the Port Authority of Guam's Safety Division received a call of a gas spill on Highway 18, Harbor of Refuge Road. The Port's Safety Division took immediate action and notified the National Response Center (NRC) and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency. The NRC notified the U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Guam, and cleanup is ongoing.

"We are working closely with the Guam Coast Guard and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency to ensure our mitigation efforts to this gas spill meets the compliance, and Unitek will remain on site doing all the necessary environmental cleanup until such time the all clear is issued by the Coast Guard and Guam EPA," said General Manager Rory J. Respicio.

A Unitek truck was pumping fuel from the Tristar pipeline when the gasket cover of the truck ruptured spilling an undetermined amount of diesel fuel onto the roadway and surrounding vegetation and water.

The roadway was closed for cleanup from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The roadway has since been reopened, however, the Unitek crew is still working to clear the surrounding vegetation and water of diesel fuel.

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A Unitek employee cleans up diesel fuel that spilled this morning along Highway 18, Harbor of Refuge Road. A Unitek truck was pumping fuel from the Tristar pipeline when the gasket cover of the truck ruptured spilling diesel fuel onto the roadway and surrounding vegetation and water.