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HAZMAT INCIDENT AT LAKE KILBY WATER TREATMENT PLANT

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 10, 2016) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews are currently on the scene of a hazardous materials incident at the Lake Kilby Water Treatment Plant.

Emergency Communications received the call at 10:55 a.m. advising of a damaged natural gas line at the facility located in the 100 block of Maury Place. The facility is owned and operated by the City of Portsmouth. The first units arrived on scene at 10:58 a.m.

Battalion Chief William Kessinger advised that a lawn service contractor had struck a gas line with a mower near a monitoring and storage warehouse at the site. Employees at that location were evacuated, and employees at other locations within the complex were advised to shelter in place.

Virginia Natural Gas responded and was able to secure the valve at the street at approximately 11:56 a.m. Dominion Virginia Power also responded due to the high concentration of natural gas from the struck supply line that was flowing onto an outdoor electrical power pedestal.

There were no injuries. There was no power disruption at the facility, and no disruption of water service.

Responding units included Engines 1, 3 and 4, EMS-1, Medic 3A, Battalion 1, Ladder 3, Rescue 1 and the Fire Marshal.

The Suffolk Police Department provided traffic control at the scene.

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