EVACUATION ORDER - Hazardous Materials

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Everyone is required to immediately evacuate the following areas:

Those within a 2 mile radius of Mile Post (MP) 43, NM HWY 491

This is due to a semi-trailer that turned over on the highway this morning.

All that is known about the substance at this time is that it contains flammable materials.

Shelters are currently being set up at Tohatchi Chapter and Newcomb Chapter.

Please stay out of the area until further notice.
For your safety, stay away from the smoke. The more distance between you and the source of smoke, the better. Close and lock doors and windows of your home. Turn off the air conditioner, ventilation fans, furnace and other air intakes. Keep car windows and vents closed; use re-circulating air.

Be prepared to seek medical assistance if you have any of the following symptoms: difficulty breathing; irritation of the eye, skin, throat, or respiratory tract; changes in skin color; headache or blurred vision; dizziness, lack of coordination; cramps or diarrhea.

The San Juan County Hazardous Materials team is on-scene extinguishing the fire. The NNEOC is in operations at this moment at 505-371-8145/8416/8417. Navajo Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire Units are on-scene.

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