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Summit County Public Health Response to 9-5-24 Akron Fire

Summit County, Ohio – As news of the fire at 1081 Rosemary Blvd. reached our offices, Assistant Health Commissioner Chris Barker deployed to the scene to help coordinate any response efforts needed from Summit County Public Health (SCPH). Through data collected by our agency’s Right to Know program, we were able to provide first responders with a list of known chemicals on site. Additionally, through the Akron Regional Air Quality Management District (ARAQMD), a service of SCPH, details regarding the facility’s state air permits were provided to aid in the immediate response.

As Akron Fire and Police Departments worked tirelessly to secure the area and ensure public safety at the site, HAZMAT began assessing multiple issues, including air quality concerns, immediately upon arrival. Their air sampling readings consistently came back as acceptable for the general public. While on site, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency worked with Incident Command to assess environmental concerns. Favorable weather conditions allowed for the smoke to rise high and be diluted.

SCPH remains in contact with our partners who are continuing to assess data from the incident to stay informed of any environmental concerns and will respond to any items that might impact our residents. If you have any general questions about the air quality and impacts from this event, call 330-375-2480.

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