



Fact Sheet (June 3, 2019)

KMG-Bernuth, Inc., 2901 3rd Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
May 31, 2019 Fire Incident

This fact sheet updates nearby residents, the community and our employees regarding the May 31, 2019 fire that occurred at the company's Tuscaloosa facility late last Friday evening. Thanks to the prompt response of the Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service and company management and employees, there were no injuries and the fire quickly was under control. We are continuing to work with federal, state and local authorities to investigate the fire, complete site cleanup and restart facility operations. KMG-Bernuth, Inc. (KMG) is committed to the safety of our employees and the protection of the environment in our Tuscaloosa community, of which we and our employees have long been a committed part.

Incident Summary: Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service responded to a call at about 4:47 p.m. regarding a fire at the KMG facility in the 2900 block of 3rd Street. Firefighters encountered smoke coming from a small storage building onsite. Local firefighting units responded, bringing it under control within 40 minutes of the arrival of emergency responders to the scene. No community advisories were issued by the Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service, given the short duration and limited impact of the incident. In addition to Tuscaloosa fire personnel, other governmental authorities notified and involved in the emergency response included the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Response Center (NRC).

Response Update: While the investigation is continuing, KMG has confirmed that the fire started in the rear of the raw material storage building, and likely involved non-hazardous waste materials stored there for recycling purposes. KMG personnel worked throughout the weekend to cleanup fire debris. Emergency response teams including corporate, facility and local contractors are onsite this week to further investigate this incident and conduct any necessary cleanup. KMG is working closely with the Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service and ADEM personnel to address any federal, state or local environmental, health and safety requirements.

Facility Operations: KMG operates a two-acre facility that processes certain wood treatment preservatives for further resale to the company's customers throughout the U.S. and Canada. There are no chemicals produced at the Tuscaloosa facility. At the conclusion of the investigation, KMG intends to address any findings by implementing process changes to minimize the likelihood of this type of incident occurring in the future. KMG anticipates that the facility will return to full operation on or about Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

KMG appreciates the efforts of the Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Service and all other emergency response personnel that responded to this incident last Friday. KMG welcomes any questions about the incident from members of our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out via phone to Brian Sims, KMG Plant Manager, Tuscaloosa, 205-758-0448, or Mike Svac, our Global Director of Environmental, Health and Safety, at 630-254-2483. Emails may be sent to bsims@kmgchemicals.com.