



Fact Sheet (September 11, 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 fire that occurred May 31, 2019 at the company's Tuscaloosa facility. We would like to again thank the Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service and our employees for responding quickly to this incident.

Incident Recap: Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service responded to a call at about 4:47 p.m. CST, 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 the fire 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: KMG has confirmed that the fire started in the rear of the raw material storage building but the cause of the fire was not determined from the investigation led by the City of Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Service. Emergency response teams including corporate, facility and local contractors have been onsite to further investigate this incident and conduct any necessary cleanup. Onsite debris from the fire has been cleaned up and removed. Additionally, in coordination with the City of Tuscaloosa and ADEM, the excavation of soils and riprap within a limited stretch of the hillside and drainage ditch along Jack Warner Parkway has been completed. This portion of the ditch received fire suppression water that drained off the site.

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. The fire did not impact any production components of the Tuscaloosa facility. The facility returned to full operation on June 4, 2019, four days after the fire incident. KMG has implemented process changes to minimize the likelihood of this type of incident occurring in the future. KMG will continue to work closely with the Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service, the City of Tuscaloosa, ADEM and EPA personnel, to address any federal, state or local environmental, health and safety requirements.

KMG has also announced plans to exit its KMG - Tuscaloosa facility, an initiative in the works prior to the fire incident. It intends to build a new state-of-the-art wood preservative production and processing facility, with final site selection narrowed to two sites, one in Louisiana and one elsewhere in Alabama. The new single site facility is being designed to combine the operations from Tuscaloosa and Matamoros, Mexico, resulting in the transition and closure of both facilities, currently planned by approximately the end of calendar 2021 to the beginning of calendar year 2022.

KMG has worked diligently to respond to the fire incident and to collaborate with all government authorities and the community in resolving this situation. 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.