



*As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Fire Incident, KMG-Bernuth, Inc. thanks all who aided our efforts to safeguard our employees and the protection of the environment in our Tuscaloosa community during and after the Incident. This summary updates the community and our employees on the Incident.*

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Update on May 31, 2019 Fire Incident at KMG-Bernuth's Facility in Tuscaloosa, AL (May 2020)**

**Q: What happened and how did the fire occur?**

A: On Friday afternoon, May 31, 2019, a fire ignited at a small storage building at KMG-Bernuth's (KMG) Tuscaloosa facility. Thanks to the prompt response of the Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue, there were no injuries and the fire was quickly extinguished. The City determined the fire was accidental and no ignition source was identified. There was no finding of fault or wrongdoing on the part of KMG.

**Q: What are the environmental impacts from the fire and what actions have been completed by KMG?**

A: In consultation with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), KMG completed an investigation and cleanup of fire debris and water runoff associated with firefighting efforts. In August 2019, ADEM advised KMG that no further action was required and authorized closure of KMG's soils cleanup. As a result of KMG's diligent efforts, we believe environmental impacts, if any, have been minimal.

**Q: What governmental authorities have investigated the fire incident and inspected KMG's facility?**

A: The Tuscaloosa fire department responded to the fire and conducted the investigation. ADEM worked with KMG on the emergency response and the environmental investigation and cleanup. KMG worked with local, State and federal authorities to fully address and resolve issues related to the fire incident.

**Q: What impact did the fire have on KMG's Tuscaloosa facility?**

A: Even though the fire resulted in the loss of a small warehouse building, the Tuscaloosa facility was fully operational within days after the fire. KMG implemented facility improvements and process changes to minimize the likelihood of this type of event occurring in the future.

**Q: What are the future plans for KMG's Tuscaloosa facility?**

A: In July 2019, KMG announced the planned closure of its wood preservative production and processing facilities both in Matamoros, Mexico and Tuscaloosa by the end of 2021 or early 2022. KMG continues to work with the Tuscaloosa community where the company has been a committed employer and community member for more than 30 years.