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Crews respond to Saticoy Water Conditioning Facility discharge at Telephone Road and Wells Road intersection

Ventura Water, Ventura Police Department, Ventura City Fire and allied agencies responded to a non-hazardous chemical discharge from the Saticoy Water Conditioning Facility today. The substance has been identified as Phosphate (commonly used to prevent corrosion in water system pipes) and the quantity released (400 gallons) does not pose a health concern to the community.

At 9:30 a.m. Ventura Water staff conducting a daily routine inspection observed and reported a failure at the outlet pipe. The staff member immediately activated the incident response procedure.

Location: Telephone Road and Wells Road intersection, released from the Saticoy Water facility, traveled ¼ mile from the facility into the adjacent barranca. Crews established a dirt berm to successfully contain the release and prevent additional flows.

Cleanup: Ventura Water is working with Ventura County Environmental Health to assess any possible environmental impacts and determine cleanup requirements. Patriot Environmental Services began skimming the residual Phosphate today from the barranca in order to minimize the flushing that will begin tomorrow.

No road closures: After a brief road closure the roads have re-opened and traffic in the area is flowing normally.

If customers have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ventura Water Customer Care at (805) 667-6500 or myvtawater@cityofventura.net.

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