

INL Incident Update
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Personal illness causes INL employee to go to hospital

Idaho National Laboratory medical and safety officials have determined that personal illness, not exposure to chemicals, caused a Site custodial worker to experience illness symptoms and to be transported by ambulance to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center Wednesday night.

INL officials reported that based on preliminary results of industrial hygienist's evaluation of the work area Thursday morning, there is no indication of chemical exposure hazards. The building the employees were cleaning at the Materials and Fuels Complex was closed to entry after the incident and will remain closed until final results of all analyses are obtained.

A second employee was sent by ambulance to Blackfoot. An INL physician determined, after talking with the patient, that ambulance transport was not necessary. Once the ambulance reached Blackfoot, the employee was released to her family.

Four other custodians on the work shift were examined by INL emergency medical technicians and Department of Occupational Medicine staff Wednesday night and did not show any medical symptoms.

The employee sent to EIRMC went home Wednesday evening and did not report to work Thursday.

The employee sent to Blackfoot, and the four other custodians returned to work today, were evaluated at the MFC dispensary and cleared for work.

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