



BAY AREA
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Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

**Sunpol Resins and Polymers Company (Site #A5167)
Fairfield, California
May 13, 2009**

On May 13, 2009 at approximately 10:15 AM, an incident occurred at the Sunpol Resins & Polymers Company, located at 2475 Crocker Circle in Fairfield, California. Sunpol Resins & Polymers manufactures specialty architectural and industrial coatings. The principal chemical compounds in the company's products are mineral spirits (petroleum distillates), linseed oil, & dicyclopentadiene monomer.

The incident occurred while the company was manufacturing a 13,000 pound batch of resin in a reaction vessel. The manufacturing process releases considerable heat and the equipment that normally cools the process failed. The resin batch in the reaction vessel reached temperatures in excess of 600 degrees Fahrenheit. The company operators used overflow vents to relieve some pressure from the reaction vessel. Plant operators then added an additional 5,000 pounds of mineral spirits in an attempt to further cool the reaction in the vessel.

The Fairfield Fire Department arrived on-scene and closed off access to the facility. Two nearby businesses were evacuated as a safety precaution due to the high pressures in the reaction vessel. District inspection staff was notified of this incident by the Incident Commander. The District has not received any air quality complaints related to this incident as of the time of this report.

District staff will continue to investigate this incident to determine if there were any violations of air quality regulations. This report will be updated as new information becomes available.