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## JOINT UPDATE: Industrial Incident – Nippon Dynawave Packaging

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Recovery efforts will begin today at Nippon Dynawave Packaging following Tuesday’s incident involving the rupture of an industrial tank and release of white liquor.

Nine individuals remain missing as of Wednesday morning. Recovery efforts were delayed due to safety concerns of the structural integrity of the damaged tank. The initial estimate of product remaining in the tank was 90,000 gallons. Additional inspection revealed the remaining product amount was significantly smaller volume, allowing emergency responders to develop a plan to move forward to remove it.

As individuals are recovered they will undergo decontamination before being transported to the Cowlitz County Coroner’s Office for identification and family notification. The coroner’s office will release a list of names and provide a contact when all individuals have been recovered and family notifications are complete.

An individual who was transported from the scene Tuesday has died as a result of their injuries, bringing the list of confirmed fatalities to two. Known injuries include:

- 9 individuals who remain unrecovered
- 7 injured employees
- 1 injured firefighter

Environmental monitoring and mitigation efforts continue at the site. Representatives from the Washington State Department of Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are assisting with monitoring air and water quality and are overseeing operations related to potential environmental impacts.

At this time there are no negative health impacts to air quality or the City of Longview’s drinking water system. The public is asked to keep away from ditches and dikes in the city while water testing is underway.

Additional verified information will be released at a 1 p.m. press briefing today.