



September 22, 2005

**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
Office of State Police  
TESS – Right-to-Know Unit  
P. O. Box 66614  
Baton Rouge, LA 70896

To Whom It May Concern:

**SUBJECT: INCIDENT DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2005  
STATE POLICE CASE # 05-06578  
MOTIVA ENTERPRISES, LLC – NORCO REFINERY  
AGENCY INTEREST #1406  
COKER UNIT**

Motiva Enterprises LLC, Norco Refinery is providing a written follow-up report to our verbal notification on September 22, 2005 at 0418 hours of a release at our Coker unit. However, calculations have determined that no permit limits or reportable quantities were exceeded as a result of the incident. Verbal notifications are detailed in the table below.

Initial Verbal Contact				
Agency	Contact	Date/Time	Shel Caller	Case
State Police	Melissa	9/22/2005 0418 hrs	Cooper, RL	05-06578
EOC	George	9/22/2005 0417 hrs	Cooper, RL	N/A

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kristi Trail at (504) 465-7606.

Sincerely,

Soy T. Tir  
Manager – Environmental  
Norco Refinery

KLT/mse

cc: W/Attachment  
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Mr. Tab Troxler  
St. Charles Parish Emergency Planning Committee  
P. O. Box 302  
Hahnville, LA 70057

bc: Shell Chemical LP (via MS Exchange)  
Site Supervisors

Motiva Enterprises LLC (via MS Exchange)

J. J. Digirolamo  
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File 700-00 (RC-EC-Oil)

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Norco\Department\Environmental\Main\Releases\2005\Refining East\05-06578 Coker nm.doc

**Incident Reporter**

**Received By:** Robin Stewart  
**Received Date:** SEP-22-05 04:30:50  
**Dispatch #:** s05-3484  
**Reported By:** Ricky Cooper, Agency Interest Self Rept  
**Phone Desc:** 504-915-9325  
**Reporter Title:**  
**Org Desc:** Motiva Enterprises  
**Address:** PO Box 10

**Municipality:** Norco  
**State Code:** LA  
**Zip Code:** 70079  
**Comments:**

**Incident Description**

**Incident Type:** Release/Spill, Facility Discharge/Release  
**Incident Date:** SEP-22-05 03:20:00  
**Parish:** St. Charles  
**Municipality:** Norco  
**Location:** 15536 River Rd - Norco  
**Lat/Lon:**  
**Basin/Segment:**  
**Substance:**  
**Media Impacted:** Air  
**Incident Desc:** s05-3484 Relief valve relieved to the atmosphere, releasing benzene and flammable gas. CMD

**Incident Source**

**Source Name:** Motiva Enterprises LLC - Norco Refinery  
**Address:** 15536 River Rd  
(a portion of)  
**Municipality:** Norco  
**State:** LA  
**Phone:**  
**Parish:** St. Charles  
**AI#:** 1406  
**Related Permits:** 0  
**Investigation Findings:** Verbal and written notifications were submitted in accordance with LAC 33:I. Chapter 39 and General Condition XI of the facility air emissions permit. According to Motiva's notification report a relief valve on the coker drum opened venting approximately 3809 pounds of flammable gas to the atmosphere. The cause of the incident is under investigation however, based on the information obtained the incident appears to qualify as an "upset" as described in LAC 33:III.507.J.1.

**Incident Status**

**Lead Investigator:** Malcolm Andry  
**Region:** Southeast  
**Incident Status:** Closed  
**As Of:** 10/13/2005

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INCIDENT # 05-06578  
HOTLINE  
877-925-6595 / 225-925-6595

SOURCE: STATE POLICE HAZMAT

\*\* (INITIAL REPORT) DATE AND TIME

HOTLINE NOTIFIED: 09/22/05 04:19  
INCIDENT OCCURRED: 09/22/05 03:20  
INCIDENT SECURED: 09/22/05 03:22

*505-3484*

\*\* (INITIAL REPORT) INCIDENT LOCATION

PARISH: St Charles  
ADDRESS: 15536 River Road.  
CITY: Norco

*T 82376*

\*\* (INITIAL REPORT) CALLER INFORMATION

CALLER'S NAME: Ricky Cooper  
CALLER'S ADDRESS OR EMPLOYER: Motiva Enterprises  
CALLER'S PHONE NUMBER: 504-915-9325

\*\* (INITIAL REPORT) RESPONSIBLE PARTY

NAME: Motiva Enterprises  
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 10  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Norco, LA 70079

\*\* (INITIAL REPORT) DETAILS

Operational upset... Relief valve relieved to the atmosphere on the coke drum... Investigating reason for operational upset... Secured at 03:22...

\*\* (INITIAL REPORT) CHEMICAL INFORMATION

CHEMICAL 1: Benzene

QTY: 27 lbs

RELEASED STATE: Gas

CLASS: Flammable Liquid

ID: 1114

EHS: No

CHEMICAL 2: Flammable Gas

QTY: 3809 lbs

RELEASED STATE: Gas

CLASS:

ID: 1954

EHS: No

\*\* (INITIAL REPORT) RELEASE INFORMATION

INCIDENT CLASSIFICATION: Unusual Event  
DID MATERIAL GO OFFSITE? Yes  
RELEASED TO: Air  
WHERE IS AIR BEING MONITORED? Not being monitored  
ANY OFF-SITE PROTECTIVE ACTION?  
No

RELEASE EFFECTS:  
FIRE: No

*Robin  
04:30*

*BLAD  
Breaux*

*Malcolm*