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# MEDIA RELEASE

## For Immediate Release:

**Date:** August 31, 2015

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Mike Grimes, Director of Administration

At approximately 8:12 am this morning, August 31, 2015, a delivery truck at the North Canton Drinking Water Plant, 7300 Freedom Ave NW, delivered the wrong chemical to a plant container. The reaction between the liquid chemicals caused the plant to be evacuated for safety purposes.

Jackson Township Fire Department along with the Stark County Hazmat Team responded to the Plant. Access to the location was restricted as the site was evaluated for safety and for the proper disposal of the mixed chemicals. Jackson Police Department, Ohio EPA, an official from the delivery trucking company and North Canton officials were on scene.

Three North Canton Drinking Water Employees and the driver of the delivery truck were transported as a precautionary measure to Mercy and Aultman Hospitals to be checked.

Currently the local SunPro Company is on scene for the cleanup and proper disposal which may take most of the evening. The incident is contained in one room of the Plant.

There was and is no danger or shortage to North Canton's supply of drinking water and the plant is still providing safe clean drinking water to its customers.