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**From: Det. Jennifer L. McFarland
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CC: Sheriff Rausch

RE: Vehicle fire on Highway 95

This morning (8 April 2005) at about 09:00, the Latah County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle fire at about mile post 336 on Highway 95, where road construction is currently underway to widen Highway 95. A sub-contracted service vehicle tending to the construction vehicles and equipment had pulled off of the highway on the east side of the road. The driver of the vehicle reported he'd heard a "loud pop" and looked back to see that his truck was on fire. With construction equipment already on-scene, workers were able to contain the fire and the spillage of hazardous materials while they awaited Genesee Fire Department's response. Also due to the road construction, flaggers were already on-scene to control traffic. No one was hurt in the fire.

At the time of this release, we do not know the financial or environmental impact of the fire, nor are we certain as to what and what quantity of hazardous materials seeped out of the vehicle. Latah County Disaster Services and the Department of Environmental Quality were called to the scene as was the Idaho State Patrol.

Highway 95 was not closed, but flaggers remain in the area alternately stopping each lane of traffic.

This is all of the information we are able to release at this point. You may expect an update to this situation on Monday, April 11th.