Flash Fire at Plastics Factory Injures Four

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HENDERSON, Ky. (AP) — Four people were injured Wednesday in western Kentucky in a flash fire inside a plastics factory.

The accident happened shortly before 2 p.m. CST at Polymer Partners LLC in Henderson, The Gleaner reported (http://bit.ly/tpSElH [1]).

Company President Blaise Codispoti said in a statement that two of the workers injured were taken to University of Louisville Hospital and one to Vanderbilt University Medical Center. A nursing supervisor at Methodist Hospital in Henderson said a fourth employee was admitted to intensive care there and was in fair condition.

"There were some burn injuries," said Henderson Fire Chief Danny Froehlich. "Three burn injuries and one smoke inhalation. As to the extent, I have no idea."

Codispoti said the company's review of the incident was continuing and "no determination as to the cause of the injuries has been made at this time."

Henderson County Emergency Management Director Larry Koerber said the state fire marshal was en route to investigate.

The names of the injured workers weren't immediately released.

The accident happened in the manufacturing area of the facility, and fire crews extinguished a minor fire near a machine, Froehlich said. He did not know if the plant shut down afterward.

Polymer Partners is a plastics compounding manufacturer. Figures published in The Gleaner in April 2010 said the company had 35 employees.

An Evansville man was injured at the plant in October 2002 and two others were treated for smoke inhalation after a mixing machine caught fire.

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