

Ammunition Plant Leak Investigated, One Injured

RADFORD, Va. (AP) — Investigators are looking for the cause of an acid leak that injured one worker at an ammunition plant in Radford.

The U.S. Army and BAE Systems Inc. say the incident occurred late Sunday as on-site fire crews at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant were trying to cool several overheated spent nitric acid tanks. One tank containing the acid oleum began leaking.

The workers had to leave the area because of fumes. One worker who was overcome was taken to a hospital for observation. His injuries weren't life-threatening.

The tank stopped leaking around 1:20 a.m. Monday.

Media outlets report that BAE Systems Inc. expects to resume normal operations Tuesday.

The company took over the plant's operations Sunday under a 10-year contract.

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