

# UPDATED: Chemical Leak Contained



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**UPDATE: 12:01 p.m.,  
Thursday:**

“The situation at this time is under control as emergency responders are leaving the scene. The scene will be turned over to the clean up company employed by LBJMA,” police said.



*Officials in hazmat suits get decontaminated after a 2014 incident. Credit: Tom Sofield/LevittownNow.com*

**Original Post:**

Tullytown emergency officials are asking residents near the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority facility on 60 Main Street

to keep windows and doors closed as a “precautionary measure.”

Borough police Chief Daniel Doyle said his officers and other responders were called to the plant around 8:30 a.m. for a chemical leak. Crews arrived on the scene and began procedures to mitigate the risk.

The chemical leaking from a large storage tank at the facility is ferric chloride, Doyle said. According to U.S. National Library of Medicine, ferric chloride is “highly corrosive to most metals and probably corrosive to tissue.” The chemical is commonly used to treat water.

Doyle said there is not immediate risk to people in the area but did urge residents and businesses to close their doors and windows.

The Bucks County Hazmat Team is on the scene along with local fire companies. Emergency responders are wearing personal protective equipment while around the leak, Doyle said.

No injuries have been reported, but medics are standing by at the scene.

Roads in the heart of what is commonly known as “old” Tullytown are blocked near the plant.

*More as the story develops.*