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## Chemical Reaction Sends One to Hospital

**Kent, Wash. - June 8, 2016-** A City of Kent employee was sent to a local hospital at 8:30 this morning after he was exposed to a chemical reaction while working at the maintenance building at the Town Square Plaza water park. The park is located at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. between Harrison and Smith Streets.

The worker suffered respiratory distress after an acid was accidentally mixed with chlorine. Both chemicals are used by the water park. The employee was evaluated by firefighters and sent to the hospital as a precaution. His status is unknown.

Both Kent RFA Hazardous Materials Response Teams responded to the call, isolated the building, and shut down the pump house that feeds the water park. They then allowed the remaining airborne chemical to dissipate in the wind while monitoring the levels to ensure that no one in the surrounding area was affected. Adjacent to the water park are two large apartment complexes, a library, many businesses, and the Green River Community College annex.

The large vat that contained the contaminated materials has been removed from the scene. The water park will be closed until the equipment is replaced later this week.

For more information on the water park, please contact the City of Kent.

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