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## **CP Train Derailment Update: (5:00am) Airdrie Residents Asked to Monitor Media Updates**

AIRDRIE, AB – Emergency crews and industry experts remain on scene and are monitoring the air quality in the area. Ongoing monitoring continues to indicate that there has been no release of anhydrous ammonia. Crews will remain on the scene over the next few days as the clean up continues. Transferring of goods will begin starting at 7:00 am on Wednesday from the rail cars into tanker trucks and is expected to continue over the next few days. Flaring will be occurring during the course of the clean up as a normal procedure.

In addition to air quality monitoring, a metallurgist has assessed the scene and determined the rail cars carrying anhydrous ammonia are stable. The risk of a large scale release of chemical is negligible. However, the potential for a small leakage still exists during the off loading process. This process is highly controlled; minimizing the risk to residents.

As a precaution, the City of Airdrie are advising residents to monitor local media and the city website [www.airdrie.ca](http://www.airdrie.ca) in the event that shelter in place measures are required should an incident occur during the clean up following the CP train derailment

Residents should be prepared to shelter in place immediately if instructed to do so, stay tuned to your local media for further instructions. Shelter in place instructions can be found below and also at [www.airdrie.ca](http://www.airdrie.ca). If you do smell traces of ammonia, this is an expected part of the clean up process and does not indicate a need to shelter in place.

Municipal officials have initiated the Municipal Emergency Plan and activated the EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) and will continue to monitor and develop strategies to safely deal with the event.

### **Shelter in Place Instructions (if required)**

1. Wherever you are immediately go inside. Turn on local radio/tv.
2. Close and lock all windows and doors including garage doors to the outside (windows and doors sometimes seal better when locked) Close as many internal doors as possible in your home or building.
3. Turn off furnace / air conditioner / exhaust fans. Switch all registers to the closed position.

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4. Go into a bathroom or a small room, taking a radio in with you or turning a radio up so you can hear it. Seal the room using wet towels at base of door. If you smell ammonia or feel any ill effects, breathe through a damp towel to filter air.
5. Listen to radio or TV for further instructions. Keep phone lines free.

## **Additional Instructions:**

**Do not** evacuate or travel.

**Do not** retrieve children from school or family members from work.

**For information listen to local media or refer to [www.airdrie.ca](http://www.airdrie.ca)**

**Do not call 911 unless you are experiencing a medical emergency.**

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