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HAZMAT EVENT PROMPTS HIGHWAY CLOSURE IN KINGS COUNTY

HANFORD – At approximately 7:05 am Kings County Fire Department (KCFD) was dispatched to 7979 Lacey Blvd. in the unincorporated area for a call of smoke seen in the area. On scene Fire Crews found an undetermined substance leaking from a small tank. KCFD blocked off the area, and out of an abundance of caution and with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol, Kings County Fire Department, Kings County Public Works, and Caltrans, westbound Highway 198 was detoured away from the area at 7th Ave. Kings County Environmental Health is also on scene assisting first responders to investigate further.

There is no danger to the public at this time however the KCFD urges residents to stay away from the area as emergency crews continue their work. Kings County will continue to monitor the incident and provide updates as the incident continues.