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ALDOT ASSESSING CAUSEWAY ACCIDENT SCENE

I-10 on-ramp at Exit 30 closed until further notice

MOBILE - The Alabama Department of Transportation is assessing the eastbound Causeway (US 90/98) I-10 on-ramp at exit 30 where an 18-wheeler caught fire overnight.

The ramp will be closed until further notice as crews clear the single-vehicle accident site and inspect the structural integrity of the ramp.

Initial reports indicate deck and barrier rail damage at the site.

The truck had approximately 7700 gallons of fuel, both diesel and premium gasoline.

"Most of the fuel was consumed in the fire, the rest is currently being captured or remediated," said the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) On-Scene Coordinator Leo Francendese.

"There are always environmental concerns about the residual amounts, but currently there are no signs of acute impact. NOAA [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration] and the US Fish and Wildlife Service are here to help us monitor that."

Along with the EPA, NOAA, and US Fish and Wildlife, the Spanish Fort Fire Department, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), the Coast Guard, and ALDOT have been on site and in close coordination with each other to insure proper assessment and clean up of the accident scene is carried out.

Those traveling eastbound from the Bankhead Tunnel can still access I-10 via the ramp outside the tunnel. Eastbound US 90/98 travelers from the Cochrane-Africatown Bridge will have to remain on US 90/98 and access I-10 in Spanish Fort until further notice.

Additional information can be found at www.epaosc.org/I-10MobileBayCausewayOilSpill.

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