

Weather Alert: Current location, forecasted path and more for Tropical Storm Edouard



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Chemical release reported at Valero plant

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SkyEye was over the scene of a chemical release at a Valero plant in southeast Houston.



HOUSTON (KTRK) -- Authorities say there was a release of sulfur dioxide at the Valero plant in southeast Houston this morning.

Houston Fire Department responded to a failure of an above ground tank with a release of Sulfur Dioxide vapors at the Manchester Dock just after 7am. A shelter-in-place was recommended for the Manchester community.

"We are out there on standby. But Valero has not reported to us

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either what the release was or not sure if it was an overpressure or whether there was an actual explosion," said Chief Tommy Dowdy with the Houston Fire Department. "We have a minimal response out there. We have three pumpers and a HazMat crew out there. We are getting some reports of people complaining of some ventilation issues."

Four people have been transported from the loading dock due to ventilation problems. Officials say all employees have been accounted for.

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