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Middlebelt Road near 8 Mile in Livonia-Farmington Hills border remains closed due to chemical spill

300 gallons of corrosive liquid spills on road

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A hazmat team responded to an acid leak from a tractor-trailer Monday evening, which shut down the Livonia/Farmington Hills border.

It happened on May 19 at around 5:30 p.m., and the Farmington Hills Fire Department responded to the tractor-trailer leaking ferric chloride onto the road.

Since the tractor-trailer leaking the acid stopped on Middlebelt Road just south of 8 Mile Road, the Livonia Fire and Rescue Department responded and took command of the incident.

According to Livonia officials, 300 gallons of corrosive liquid spilled onto the road.

Due to the nature of this hazard, the Western Wayne Hazardous Materials Response Team was activated. The hazmat technicians on this team are firefighters from the surrounding area, including Farmington Hills. They wore specialized level A hazmat suits to enter the semi-trailer and stop the leak.

The road remains closed as the trucking company's cleanup crew works to make it safe for the public and remove the truck.

Cleanup was expected to be completed by 10 p.m. on Monday. However, city officials said another contractor is needed to correctly process the spill.

"There is no community health risk, and neighboring Clarenceville and the senior care operation have been communicated with," said Livonia city officials in a statement released Tuesday morning.



Update: There is no danger to the public.

At approximately 5 p.m. on Monday, May 19, the City of Farmington Hills Fire Department responded to a tractor trailer leaking ferric chloride out of the trailer and onto the road. Since the vehicle leaking the acid stopped on Middlebelt Road just south of Eight Mile Road, the [Livonia Fire & Rescue Department](#) also responded and took command of the incident.

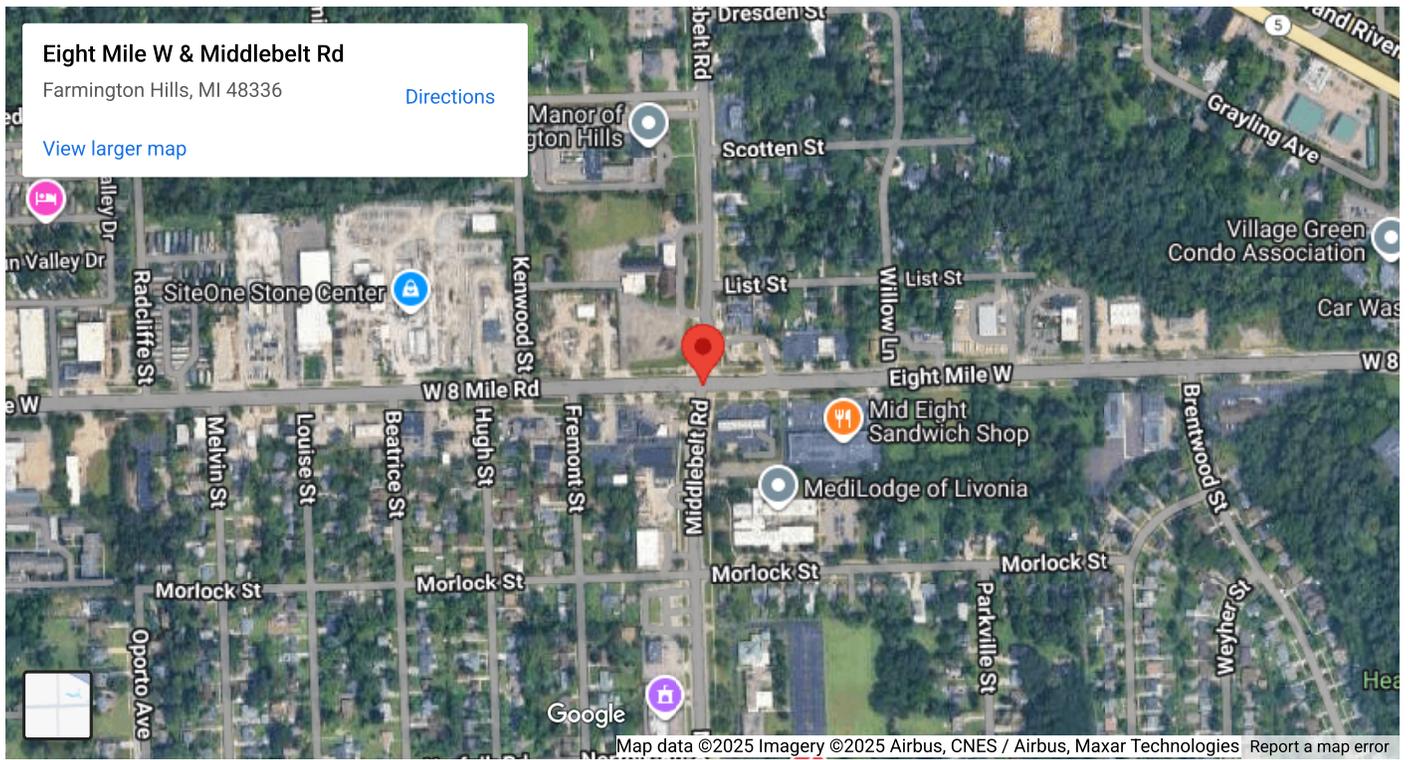
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