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GMHA staff, DPW and GFD contain late night fuel spill at SNF

May 31, 2021 – Tamuning, Guam – At around 10:30pm Sunday night, staff at the SNF began to notice a fuel leak and called the Guam Fire Department (GFD) and the GMHA Facilities Maintenance team. SNF staff, Facilities Maintenance, GMHA leadership, the Department of Public Works and GFD all responded to clean up and contain the spill.

By about 12:30am, the spill was contained; GFD departed the scene at 1:15am, satisfied with GMHA's response.

No one was injured and all the current residents of the SNF are safe.

The leak was traced back to a 50 Gallon Day Tank in the Emergency Generator Room; this is the first time it has ever spilled. The generator itself is undamaged and all other equipment is fine. The exact reason for the spill is currently undetermined however, GMHA is conducting an incident investigation. The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) has been notified and GMHA is working with GEPA and other agencies involved to ensure the situation is rectified and documented to standards.

The GMHA response teams, DPW and GFD worked together extremely quickly to contain the leak. They were able to recover approximately 12 gallons of fuel and much of the remaining spilled liquid was soaked up using GMHA's professional spill kits. They include salt-like materials to block any path going to drains (see photos).

GMHA is thankful for the Department of Public Works and Guam Fire Department's quick response. We are also grateful to the SNF staff, GMHA Facilities Maintenance teams and Executive Leadership for their tireless efforts cleaning up and securing the spill overnight.

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