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Emergency Response at Westates *UPDATED*

Westates is a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility located on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona. At Westates, spent carbon is treated in a carbon regeneration furnace. To receive information on other topics regarding Westates, please contact EPA. Contact information is located below.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

EPA requires Westates to be prepared to respond to emergencies at their facility. An emergency is defined as a fire, explosion, or hazardous waste spill that may threaten human health and the environment.

Westates must describe in a written plan how they will respond to emergencies. This is called their *Contingency Plan*. Westates submitted their Contingency Plan to EPA in their permit application in 1995, and in a more recent submittal in 2002. From time to time, Westates updates the Contingency Plan with new information.

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WHAT IS IN WESTATES' CONTINGENCY PLAN?

■ Designation of an Emergency Coordinator.

This is a Westates employee who is responsible for directing the response if there is an emergency at Westates.

■ Description of how Westates will respond to and control an on-site fire, explosion, or hazardous waste spill.

■ Identification of local public safety agencies who will assist Westates if necessary during an emergency. These include:

Colorado River Indian Tribes Fire Dept.

Colorado River Indian Tribes Police Dept.

Parker Fire Dept.

Parker Police Dept.



■ Description of how Westates will clean up equipment and surrounding soil if contaminated by a fire, explosion, or hazardous waste spill.

If there is an emergency at Westates that may threaten the nearby community, Westates will advise local public safety agencies. Westates will also notify the federal authorities at the National Response Center.

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EMERGENCIES REPORTED BY WESTATES

Date	November 10, 1994	April 17, 1995	February 20, 1996	October 5, 1998
Nature of Spill:	An overflow of waste waters that were to be sent to Joint Venture	An overflow of waste waters that were to be sent to Joint Venture	Puncture of waste water discharge pipeline	Water spilled from a truck after delivering spent carbon to Westates
Location:	On-site at Westates	On-site at Westates	On-site at Westates	Just outside main gate of Westates
Cause:	Power outage in Parker area caused pump to stop working	Power outage in Parker area caused pump to stop working	Contractor punctured waste water pipeline while working on natural gas lines	The truck driver opened a valve on the truck, releasing wash-out waters
Injuries:	None	None	None	None
Westates' Immediate Response:	-Restart pump -Remove affected soils -Test soils for contamination	-Restart pump -Remove affected soils -Test soils for contamination	-Remove affected soils -Send soils off-site for incineration	-Remove affected soils -Send soils off-site for incineration
Westates' Long Term Reponse	Pump station was bypassed after the April 1995 occurence	Pump station was bypassed with a gravity flow system		Instituted a system of checking each truck before it leaves Westates

REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING EMERGENCIES

Westates must report to EPA emergencies that occur at their facility within 15 days of the emergency. Westates has reported four emergencies to EPA since they began operating in 1992. (See table above.)

Three of the emergencies were spills of waste waters that were to be sent to the Colorado River Sewage System Joint Venture. One spill was of water that came into contact with spent carbon. According to Westates, none of the spills resulted in harm to the community.



The information in this table (above) is taken from notifications which Westates sent to EPA, each within 15 days of the emergency. These are the only emergencies Westates has reported to EPA since Westates began operation in 1992. For more information on these emergencies, you may contact EPA.

FOR INFORMATION IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

If you would like to receive materials about Westates in another language, please contact Wenona Wilson at the toll free phone number and address on the front of this fact sheet.

PARA INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL

Westates es una empresa de tratamiento y almacenaje de residuos peligrosos y está ubicada cerca de Parker, Arizona. Si usted desea recibir informacion en Español, por favor comuniquese con Wenona Wilson al numero de telefono (800) - llamada gratuita - o a la dirección al reverso de esta pagina.