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Ormet Hosts Mock Emergency Drill
Part of NORIMAC's Annual, Large-Scale Exercise

Hannibal, Ohio – Ormet Corporation is hosting the Northern Ohio River Industrial Mutual Aid Council's (NORIMAC) annual mock emergency drill at its plant on Ohio State Route 7 next Thursday, October 25, between 7 a.m. and noon. Thursday's drill will be based on a simulated large scale explosion with resulting mass casualties.

The purpose of the drill is to coordinate emergency response and evaluate emergency preparedness by members of the organization and inter-agency groups. NORIMAC conducts a different type of mock emergency drill yearly in different host locations.

"It gives us an overall critique of how we, as a group and as individual organizations, respond to an emergency and what kind of improvements we will need moving forward," said Jeff Yeager, Ormet's safety services manager. "Are we safely responding to and controlling this situation? Did we use our resources wisely?"

As part of the drill, a 9 a.m. call will be placed to Ormet's plant security informing them that an explosion has occurred in the company's thixocast building. Crews will be advised of a resulting fire on the east end of the building with a vapor cloud forming. The NORIMAC response system will utilize the Ormet Fire Brigade and EMS personnel, including the local community response system.

Three experienced local emergency preparedness evaluators will critique both Ormet and NORIMAC's performance. Disciplines being tested during Thursday's drill include fire control and response, haz-mat response, confined space rescue, mass casualty response, implementation of the incident command system, emergency response plan, mass casualty EMS response capabilities and the NORIMAC communication system.

NORIMAC is a mutual aid network of several participating and associate members who combine to assist each other during emergencies. The participating members are comprised of industrial facilities along both sides of the river, while the associate members are mostly organizations such as local hospitals, transportation departments, law enforcement, fire departments, EMS and EMA agencies, etc.

NORIMAC members communicate with one another through a broadcast radio system specifically for the organization's members. When called upon through mutual aid, members respond to the emergency with various equipment they have on hand for such an event. For instance, Ormet has an ambulance, fire truck, fire extinguishers and other extinguishing agents, self-contained breathing apparatus and other emergency response equipment that they deliver to other members in the event of an industrial incident.

NORIMAC Chairman Mark Badia and Ormet wants to remind those driving past the facility next Thursday morning that they will likely see emergency vehicles and significant activity on the property due to the drill. Road alert signs will be posted along Ohio State Route 7 near the entrance to Ormet alerting the public of this mock exercise. If you see such an event that day, please do not call 911.

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Headquartered in Hannibal, Ohio, Ormet Corporation is a major U.S. producer of aluminum, aluminum billet products and smelter-grade alumina. Ormet employs approximately 1,000 people. For more information, visit the website at www.ormet.com.

NORIMAC has existed since 1958, serving industrial and mining facilities between Wheeling and New Martinsville on both sides of the Ohio River. The participating members of the organization include: Air Products, CII Carbon, AEP, PPG Industries, Bayer Material Science, Valley National Gases, Ormet Corporation, First Energy, Consol Energy, Columbian Chemicals, Warren Distribution, and AGI, and associate members consisting of local hospitals, highway departments, law enforcement agencies, fire squads, EMS and EMA agencies throughout the area served.