

Date: May 4, 2023

Location: US-94, between Salt Lake City, UT, and Bismarck, ND

Incident Description:

At approximately 3:25 AM MDT, a military convoy consisting of four vehicles was traveling from Salt Lake City, UT, to Bismarck, ND, on US-94. The convoy was carrying high-density liquid [CLASSIFIED] intended for transport to testing facilities in North Dakota, with the convoy endpoint being North Dakota Army National Guard RJ Bohn Heliport.

During transit, the convoy encountered adverse weather conditions, including heavy rain and low visibility. At mile marker 143.3, one of the convoy vehicles, designated as a US Army Enclosed Transport Truck Model 48T, veered off the road due to slippery conditions and collided with a roadside barrier, causing significant damage to the vehicle.

Injuries and Casualties:

Four persons from the convoy sustained injuries as a result of the accident. They were immediately provided with medical attention and transported to the nearest medical facility for further treatment.

Post incident, nine individuals suffered multiple bites from bullet ants, likely due to disturbed nests in the vicinity of the accident site. Medical personnel on-site administered first aid and antivenom where necessary.

Two individuals are currently unaccounted for following the accident. Search and rescue operations are underway to locate and ensure their safety.

Response and Recovery:

Upon notification of the accident, emergency response teams were dispatched to the scene. The area was secured, and traffic management measures were implemented to ensure the safety of personnel and other road users.

The damaged convoy vehicle was assessed for hazardous material leaks or spills related to the high-density liquid propellant. No significant leaks were detected, and containment measures were put in place to prevent any potential environmental impact.

Search and rescue teams are actively searching the surrounding area for the missing individuals. Coordination with local authorities and emergency services is ongoing to facilitate a comprehensive response and recovery operation.

Recommendations and Follow-Up Actions:

Conduct a thorough investigation into the cause of the accident, including weather conditions, driver behavior, and road infrastructure.

Review and enhance safety protocols for transporting hazardous materials in adverse weather conditions.

Provide support and counseling services for affected personnel and their families.

Implement measures to prevent future incidents involving wildlife encounters, such as bullet ant bites, during military convoy operations.

Update convoy route planning and contingency protocols to account for potential hazards and emergencies.

Conclusion:

The accident on US-94 involving the military convoy resulted in injuries, wildlife encounters, and missing individuals. Immediate response and recovery efforts were initiated to address the situation and mitigate further risks. Continued collaboration and follow-up actions are essential to ensure the well-being of personnel and prevent similar incidents in the future.

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