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Statement from the MWRD

Earlier today, ten people were injured at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant located at 400 E. 130th Street in Chicago. City of Chicago emergency responders heroically rescued two individuals that were trapped under a collapsed roof. The District is extremely grateful for the tremendous effort put forth by the Chicago Fire Department and other responders in extricating the two trapped workers and attending to all of the injured. All ten workers were transported to local hospitals with injuries of varying severity, none of which appear to be life threatening. As of 4:30 PM today, five of the workers have been released and are headed home. The plant remains in operation and there is no threat to the public.

“The MWRD applauds the City of Chicago’s emergency responders for their commitment and expertise in rescuing and treating our workers. We will thoroughly investigate this incident to determine how this happened and identify measures to prevent something like this from happening again. Our trades and plant staff can work in potentially dangerous situations in order to protect the safety and health of the people of Cook County. Those injured today and their families are in our thoughts and we hope that they make a swift recovery from their injuries.”

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