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Joint investigation with ATF

The National Response Team (NRT) of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) along with ATF Special Agents from the Houston Field Division have been activated to assist the Houston Fire Department in the investigation of a large commercial fire which occurred on April 17, 2005, at Superior Packaging and Distributing Company, 7707 Wallisville Road, Houston, Texas. The NRT went on the scene of the fire this morning, April 20.

According to, Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of ATF in Houston, Donnie Carter "damages to the warehouse are estimated at over 1 million dollars. The scene has been declared a Hazardous Materials environment and investigators will need to take special precautions. The ATF NRT Team is being brought in to assist in the investigation because of the difficulties presented when investigating a fire of this size and due to the specialties of the team members. "

For additional information, please refer to the ATF Press Release dated April 19, 2005 at: http://www.atf.treas.gov/press/fy05press/field/041905hou_nrtactivated.pdf

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