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HEALTH ADVISORY

JET FUEL TOXICITY FOLLOWING C130 CRASH INTO DAVAO GULF

The C130 plane crash in Davao Gulf has caused some apprehensions regarding jet fuel toxicity in the surrounding waters. The DOH-Center for Health Development-Davao Region advises the public *in case there is an identified fuel spill* to do the following:

- 1) Stay away at least 25-50 meters from the fuel spill site.
- 2) Stay upwind or in a place opposite wind direction. Keep out of low areas.
- 3) Eliminate all ignition sources, e.g. lighted cigarettes, torches, open fire in shorelines etc., within the 50 meter-radius of the fuel spill site.
- 4) In case of inhalation, use vapor suppressing foam. If there is dizziness or suffocation, apply appropriate first aid or bring to a health facility if necessary.
- 5) Inhalation or contact with material may irritate or burn skin or cause eye irritation. Wash immediately exposed areas in contact with soap and water. If irritation persists, seek medical advise.
- 6) Retrieval operators must wear respirators/oxygen masks and protective clothing.
- 7) Residents on the shoreline are not advised to swim or wade in affected areas.
- 8) If there is fish kill, do not eat these fishes; but fish caught alive can be eaten.

For any health query on this matter, contact this Office at 305-1910, 226-4826, or 227-5903.

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