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Wyoming woman hurt in accident

A Wyoming woman was badly injured in an accident in Peoria County about 4 p.m. Thursday.

Margaret J. Porter, 44, of 1000 N. Galena, was still in surgery late Thursday night at St. Francis Medical Center; more information on her condition was not available.

Peoria County sheriff's police said Porter was northbound on Holmes Road about half a mile from Illinois Routes 90 and 91 in Akron Township when the accident occurred.

Based on the account of a witness and an examination of the vehicle, police believe Porter was trying to shift her 1989 four-wheel-drive Toyota pickup truck into fifth gear and inadvertently shifted into third, causing her to lose control of the light truck on the wet roadway.

Police said Porter was thrown from the vehicle. The truck, which was rolling side over side, rolled over her. It does not appear Porter was wearing a seat belt, police said. She was flown by Life Flight helicopter to St. Francis.

OSHA, Goodrich settle on explosion citation

□ Fine reduced on one of two citations in fatal Henry blast

HENRY — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has settled with the BF Goodrich plant here on one of two citations stemming from an explosion that killed two workers in December.

Karl Greening, 33, of Oglesby and Larry Holmes, 36, of Streator were using an acetylene torch to remove bolts from an entryway atop a chemical storage tank when it exploded.

The tank, used to store phosphorous trichloride, had been drained and filled with 500 gallons of a caustic solution containing sodium hydroxide. The tank needed to be cleaned out in preparation for cutting it into scrap.

Kenneth Gilbert, OSHA area director, said the sodium hydrox-

ide might have reacted with the tank or another chemical to form hydrogen gas, which then exploded when ignited by heat from the torch.

Both men, employees of Midwest Mechanical of Henry, were thrown about 40 feet by the blast. Holmes was pronounced dead at the scene and Greening was pronounced dead about an hour later at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

The agency cited Goodrich for failing to train the workers how to work with sodium hydroxide and for not properly clearing the tanks of the chemical.

The company contested both citations, which were classified as "willful" violations carrying \$8,000 fines. OSHA subsequently reduced the classification of the first citation to "serious" and cut the fine to \$1,000.

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