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One Lane of I-84 Remains Closed at Crash Site

Hazmat crews check for damage from a thousand gallons of gasoline

The right eastbound lane of Interstate 84 east of Multnomah Falls will remain closed through Monday, July 25 and perhaps through Tuesday, July 26 at the scene of a gas tanker crash Sunday night.

The lane closure will allow hazmat investigators to inspect for damage caused by leakage of 900 to 1,000 gallons of gasoline from the two tankers that crashed Sunday night near milepost 34, about two miles east of Multnomah Falls.

Investigators will check for damage to the road, to the adjacent area and for seepage under the highway road bed.

The right lane closure will be in place for about three-quarters of a mile. The road at that point is straight and traffic was moving at the speed limit Monday morning with no hindrance to wide loads.

In the accident, a tanker truck fell to its side and blocked both eastbound lanes while a second tanker under tow by the truck fell into a ditch at the side of the road. The two tankers held a combined 3,000 gallons of gasoline and both were emptied, a lengthy but necessary step before they could be righted and removed.

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