

News from the Ohio Turnpike

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MEDIA UPDATE

Truck fire extinguished but Turnpike detours ongoing in northwest Ohio

BEREA (June 24, 2016) – All lanes remain blocked as of 4:00 p.m. at Milepost 32 (Fulton County) near the Indiana Line due to a large truck fire involving hazardous material caused by an accident last night. While the Ohio Turnpike remains open, all eastbound and westbound traffic <u>is being diverted off the Turnpike</u>. Eastbound, traffic is being diverted at two exits: Exit 13 (Bryan/Montpelier-SR 15) and Exit 25 (Archbold/Fayette-SR 66), depending on traffic volumes between the Indiana border and the accident site.

Westbound, traffic is being diverted at Exit 52 (Toledo Airport/Swanton-SR 2), Exit 39 (Delta/Lyons-SR 109) and Exit 34 (Wauseon-SR 108).

To simplify, customers headed east from the Indiana Line should exit at Exit 13 to US 20 East and re-enter at Exit 39 (Delta/Lyons-SR 109).

Customers headed westbound are advised to exit the Turnpike at Exit 52 (Toledo Airport/Swanton-SR 2) to SR 2 West and re-enter at Exit 25 (Archbold/Fayette-SR 66).

At last report, the fire caused by liquid hydrogen is extinguished but the remaining liquid must be purged from the truck before it can be removed. It is estimated that this process will take four hours. After the tanker has been safely removed, repairs to the roadway can be made as a contractor is standing by.

Ohio Turnpike officials estimate that the westbound lanes will be open by approximately 8:00 p.m. and eastbound lanes will be open by approximately midnight.

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