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***PRESS RELEASE***

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**Update to April 20, 2022, Omni Metals Fire and Coley River Circle Hazardous Materials  
Runoff**

Fountain Valley, CA – The fire at Omni Metals, located at 11665 Coley River Circle, occurred on April 20, 2022. As a result of the fire extinguishment efforts, water runoff including hazardous materials was contained with sand on the Coley River Circle. Within hours of the fire, the third-party vendor began remediation of the spill.

By April 22, 2022, approximately 48-hours after the incident occurred, all public areas along Newhope Street, the full length of Coley River Circle, and the storm drain facility extending to Euclid Street and Grace Avenue were declared safe for both public pedestrian and vehicular traffic by the Orange County Public Health Department and the third party clean up vendor.

Soil samples from the water valve risers and meters from Coley River where the hazardous materials incident occurred came back with high levels of cyanide and other heavy metals. The City will work with a third party vendor to perform additional soil samples to isolate the extent of the soil contamination. The City will continue to monitor and conduct additional remediation as needed. The surface-level streets and public right of way remain safe for vehicle and pedestrian travel. There is no impact on potable water and storm drain water quality. Our potable water remains safe to drink.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. More information about the incident will be released and posted to the City's website when available.

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