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SENSITIVITY: Closure of AWD Systems Centre foyer and gas testing of site may generate media interest.

KEY ISSUES:

- Hydrogen sulphide gas was detected in the foyer of the AWD Systems Centre in Adelaide today, May 17, as part of a routine check by the SA Metropolitan Fire Service.
- The SA Metropolitan Fire Service said hydrogen sulphide gas is common in the Techport area.
- The level of hydrogen sulphide gas was detected in the foyer area at 5 parts per million which has led to the reporting of a HAZCHEM incident by the SA Metropolitan Fire Service.
- According to the SA Metropolitan Fire Service, the detected level is below unacceptable thresholds. The gas is categorised as a HAZCHEM hazard at 10 parts per million.
- Other areas of the AWD System Centre have been tested. The foyer area was the only area where the gas has been detected.

- The foyer of the AWD Systems Centre has been closed and staff have been instructed to use alternative entrance and exit points from the building. The foyer is being ventilated to disperse the gas.
- A SA Metropolitan Fire Service HAZMAT Response team is on site to investigate the source of the gas. The investigation is expected to take up to three hours.

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