

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**CHEMICAL PLANT FIRE IN SHEPHERD**

The shelter in place has been lifted but limit all unnecessary outdoor activity at this time. Small children and persons with respiratory illnesses and other health problems should remain indoors.

HVAC systems may be turned back on at your discretion.

School districts will be releasing students at the normal time. The Goodrich ISD students that were evacuated to Onalaska ISD have been released to return to Goodrich, where they may finish their day or be released to go home.

US Hwy 59 is still closed between Shepherd and US 190, so please find alternate routes as needed.

Please look for further updates on the Polk County Emergency Management Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement](https://www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement)) and the Polk County Emergency Management website [www.PolkCountyOEM.com](http://www.PolkCountyOEM.com).