LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — A spokesman for PPG Industries near Lake Charles, prompting state police to close off nearby Interstate 10.

However, no injuries were reported at the chemical plant. And although the interstate was closed out of fear that toxic fumes might drift from the plant, no toxic fumes escaped from the plant, officials said.

State police said the interstate was closed shortly after the 2:41 a.m. explosion was reported. The highway was opened after 4 a.m.

Bill Vaughn, a spokesman for PPG, said the unit where the explosion occurred was isolated and posed no hazard to other plant facilities. He said no workers were injured.

Vaughn estimated that the plant’s fire crews had the fire under control within an hour and he said the unit was still smouldering late Saturday morning.

Regulatory and law enforcement agencies including the federal Occupational Safety and Hazard Agency, Louisiana’s Department of Environmental Quality and state police, have been notified and will investigate, Vaughn said.