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## Lupita Murillo Reports Chemical spill threatens Nogales water supply

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**A state of emergency has been declared in Nogales, Arizona after a chemical spill in Mexico shut down drinking water on both sides of the border.**

The city's water system is being protected from a sulphric acid spill that occurred in Mexico Thursday.

That's when 10 railroad cars over turned. At least two cars containign sulphric acid spilled into the Santa Cruz River.

The Emergency Management Team kicked into full gear including communications with their Mexican Counterparts in Hermosillo.

Cindy Grimm's well was shut off, as were 8 of the city's 20 wells. Grimm was asked not to use water until further notice.

City and County crews are building dams half a mile from the U.S./Mexico border to keep the water from contaminating the water supply.

So far the water is testing negative for sulfuric acid, however, there is major concern for residents in Nogales, Sonora. That's because 40% of their water supply comes from the Santa Cruz River.

The Nogales fire department. is checking the water every hour.

Because the crews are so close to the international border in an area known for drug smuggling and illegal border crossers, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's deputies are posted with the crews.

The spill occurred about 23 miles from the border.



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