

Rollover, hazardous spill closes US 14 through Shell Canyon

SHELL — A commercial vehicle tractor trailer crash has closed US 14 in Big Horn County through Shell Canyon. The crash occurred shortly after 5:00 p.m. and is approximately 10 miles east of Shell. The single vehicle roll-over crash has involved the spill of a hazardous flammable liquid substance which necessitates the road closure.

Troopers at the crash site advise approximately 1,000 gallons of a silicon based liquid chemical called xiameter have spilled from the trucks cargo. The xiameter was loaded into liquid type container totes.

Several of the totes have been punctured and the liquid has spilled onto the ground.

The tractor trailer operated by Maximum Transportation was en route from Elizabeth Town, Kentucky with a final destination in Lovell, Wyoming.

The driver of the tractor trailer has been transported to an area hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the rollover crash. His condition is unknown at this time.

Troopers are still on scene working the crash investigation and coordinating the cleanup operation efforts. An emergency response hazardous materials cleanup company from Billings, Montana has been contacted for the cleanup. The Wyoming Highway Patrol Dispatch center located in Cheyenne has also notified the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality as the chemical spill is very near Shell Creek.