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TO: FLEET

Subject: Suggested Treatment for Bitumen Burns

Please find here after some recommendations to be followed in case of a bitumen burn:

- Completely submerge affected area in cool water, or place affected area under cool running water for at least 30 minutes
- DO NOT apply Ice directly to affected area
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE BITUMEN as scarring can occur
- Natural separation will occur in about 48-72 hours
- If necessary for early removal, soak bandage in mineral oil and place over affected area for 2 to 3 hours

~ DO NOT DELAY ~

Minor Bitumen Burns: at first opportunity get victim to Medical Care

Serious Bitumen Burns:

- Injury to the head, face or extremities
- Injury when large amounts of bitumen are involved
- Evidence of nausea or faintness

Get the victim to hospital or clinic & If possible keep burn cool with a wet towel.

Remember:

1. Cool the affected area
2. Cover the affected area with clean loose dressing
3. Carry the casualty and seek immediate medical care.

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