

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Participation

- Most responders (64.6%) lived or worked in Monterey County, followed by 24.5% from Santa Cruz County.
- Nearly all responses were completed in English.
- There were survey responses from all zones included in the survey (Zones 1-16), with the highest response rate in Zone 1, the area where the battery facility is located.

Health Impacts

- 1,275 responders (82.8%) reported experiencing at least one symptom following the fire, particularly those located in Zone 1 at the time of the incident.
- Among the 286 respondents who sought care for their symptoms, the majority contacted or visited their primary care provider.
- Concerns about both environmental and health impacts were equally noted, though 62.6% of responses expressed specific concerns about their physical health.

Emergency Communication

- Respondents learned about the incident through various sources, with most reporting that they received information from the news, social media, and from family and friends.
- In both counties, many individuals reported not receiving notifications through the county alert systems.

Public Health Use of Survey Information

- Understand better the health concerns related to the battery facility fire.
- Improve readability of health information for diverse populations.
- Encourage public enrollment in emergency alert systems.
- Increase local medical provider participation in health advisory systems.