From:	Belke, Jim
To:	Clark, Becki; Lee, Eugene; Perovich, Gina; Abrams, Nancy; Thomas, Latosha; Oh, Peter; Jennings, Kim; Gioffre, Patricia
Cc:	Cheatham, Reggie; Roache, Brendan; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh
Subject:	RE: Budget Hearing Briefing Binder - Deer Park Fire
Date:	Wednesday, March 20, 2019 4:01:00 PM
Attachments:	Briefing Document Intercontinental Terminals Co LLC Fire (005_DG) jb.docx

Becki – I added one sentence in the RMP bullet, just to note that it does not appear that any RMP-regulated substances were involved in the fire.

Jim Belke

From: Clark, Becki
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Lee, Eugene <Lee.Eugene@epa.gov>; Perovich, Gina <Perovich.Gina@epa.gov>; Abrams, Nancy <Abrams.Nancy@epa.gov>; Thomas, Latosha <Thomas.Latosha@epa.gov>; Oh, Peter <Oh.Peter@epa.gov>; Jennings, Kim <Jennings.Kim@epa.gov>; Gioffre, Patricia <Gioffre.Patricia@epa.gov>; Belke, Jim <Belke.Jim@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Budget Hearing Briefing Binder - Deer Park Fire

Can we all please take a quick look at this? I believe they are looking for comments today. Please feel free to forward to others I may have missed. Thanks.

From: Hilosky, Nick
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Clark, Becki <Clark.Becki@epa.gov>; Breen, Barry <Breen.Barry@epa.gov>; Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Hoverman, Taylor <hoverman.taylor@epa.gov>; Simon, Nigel <Simon.Nigel@epa.gov>; Brooks, Becky <Brooks.Becky@epa.gov>; Wilbur, Jennifer <Wilbur.Jennifer@epa.gov>
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With the attachment

From: Cook, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:38 PM
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Latest from R6. If you have edits let Jen know and maybe she can get them up to OCIR. I will be in a briefing for next hour plus

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Date: March 20, 2019 at 3:19:29 PM EDT
To: "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>, "Idsal, Anne" <idsal.anne@epa.gov>, "Cook, Steven" <cook.steven@epa.gov>
Cc: "Traylor, Patrick" <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>, "Chancellor, Erin" <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>, "Edlund, Carl" <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Budget Hearing Briefing Binder - Deer Park Fire

Excellent, thanks!

-Aaron

From: Gray, David
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Idsal, Anne <idsal.anne@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>
Cc: Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Chancellor, Erin <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>; Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Budget Hearing Briefing Binder - Deer Park Fire

This is ready for HQ team.

From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 12:43 PM
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Thanks, let me know as soon as it clears internal review.

-Aaron

From: Gray, David
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 1:39 PM
To: Idsal, Anne <idsal.anne@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Budget Hearing Briefing Binder - Deer Park Fire

Due to the tight deadline (3 PM ET- Wash DC) I am sharing this draft for your review. We are fact checking a few points on a parallel process.

From: Idsal, Anne
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:28 PM
To: Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>
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Yes, sir. I agree with that assessment. Carl and David, would you to get this ball rolling? What is the timeframe to get this back up to HQ OCIR?

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On Mar 19, 2019, at 4:25 PM, Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov> wrote:

> Anne & Erin –
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> It would seem that R6 is in the best position to do the initial draft – do you concur?
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> Steven
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> **From:** Traylor, Patrick
> **Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:42 PM
> **To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Idsal, Anne <idsal.anne@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>; Hanson, Paige (Catherine) <hanson.catherine@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>; Snyder, Raquel <Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>
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> Looping in Anne Idsal.
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Patrick/Steven/David/Erin,

Including OECA, OLEM, and R6 since this covers all of your offices. I have to imagine we'll get questions on this specific issue during the E&C budget hearing at a minimum. Can we get a fact sheet together for his briefing binder?

Thanks,
Aaron

BEYOND THE BELTWAY

RED FLAGS AT TEXAS CHEMICAL PLANT: Records show Intercontinental Terminals Company's Deer Park plant in Texas, which went up in flames on Sunday, has had multiple incidents of violating clean air and clean water rules since 2009, the Houston Chronicle's Matt Dempsey reports. During that time, the company did not follow federal risk management regulations, and federal, state and county regulators issued more than $65,000 in civil penalties.

Not the first time: According to EPA data, ITC violated the federal Clean Water Act during nine of the last 12 quarters. Among other violations, the Commission on Environmental Quality fined the company for dumping a toxic chemical called cyanide into the San Jacinto River basin in July 2017, and the company also spilled chemicals in two Texas cities on four separate occasions in the past decade. ITC's Deer Park facility also had a major explosion in 1986 which killed one and injured seven. A report from the Houston Chronicle in 2016

also found there's a major chemical incident once every six weeks in the greater Houston area. Read the full story here.

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