From: Valdez, Heather
To: "McArthur, Lisa"
Subject: RE: FLASH NOTICE - Eastern Michaud Flats/Simplot Operable Unit incident - Lisa wants short report
Date: Monday, January 25, 2016 10:19:00 AM

Hi Lisa, It looks like you already heard from Beth that this does not impact the FMC RCRA Ponds. So maybe you already covered this by using Beth's reply to you. Here is something you could share if you still need that.

Last Friday Morning, 1-22-16, JR Simplot, the facility that neighbors the former FMC facility, had a release of waste slurry from their gypsum stack. The release did not impact the former FMC facility, the RCRA ponds located at the former FMC facility, Waters of the United States, nor any down gradient local jurisdictions. The release impacted soil on Simplot and BLM land, outside the boundaries of the Fort Hall reservation. The gypsum stack at the JR Simplot facility is the subject of a Phosphoric Acid enforcement initiative but it is not a RCRA regulated unit. EPA and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality are in contact with JR Simplot and are coordinating a cleanup plan.

Let me know if you need anything more from me on this. Thanks

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From: McArthur, Lisa
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Valdez, Heather <Valdez.Heather@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: FLASH NOTICE - Eastern Michaud Flats/Simplot Operable Unit incident - Lisa wants short report
Importance: High

Please figure out what is going on, and how it concerns the RCRA portion of the site, and write me a short paragraph on that, that I can share with upper management. Thank you,

Lisa

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From: Johnson, Barnes
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2016 1:07 PM
To: Hastings, Janis <Hastings.Janis@epa.gov>; Winters, Melissa <Winters.Melissa@epa.gov>; McArthur, Lisa <McArthur.Lisa@epa.gov>; ORCR IO <ORCR_IO@epa.gov>; Sasseville, Sonya <Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov>; Guernica, Mimi <Guernica.Mimi@epa.gov>; Raia, Anthony <Raia.Anthony@epa.gov>
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FYI. Please keep us in the loop. Especially if this involves the RCRA portion of the facility. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Woolford, James" <Woolford.James@epa.gov>
> **Date:** January 23, 2016 at 2:27:55 PM EST
> **To:** "Johnson, Barnes" <Johnson.Barnes@epa.gov>, "Salyer, Kathleen" <Salyer.Kathleen@epa.gov>
> **Subject: FW: FLASH NOTICE - Eastern Michaud Flats/Simplot Operable Unit incident**
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> These may be part of the RCRA permit. Start at the bottom.
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> Jim Woolford, Director
> Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Innovation
> US EPA
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> Sent from my Windows Phone
> Please excuse typos
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> **From:** Compton, Harry
> **Sent:** 1/23/2016 1:43 PM
> **To:** Woolford, James
> **Subject:** Re: FLASH NOTICE - Eastern Michaud Flats/Simplot Operable Unit incident
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> Got it. Let us know if asked.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jan 23, 2016, at 1:22 PM, Woolford, James <Woolford.James@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Beth, et al.
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>> We have an ERT staff person, Tom Kady, that just completed an assessment of the gypsum stacks at Mississippi Phosphates. If you all

would like a "outside" set of eyes to do an Assessment, we can make him available. Not a push, simply an offer.

Jim Woolford, Director
Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Innovation
US EPA

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From: Sheldrake, Beth
Sent: 1/22/2016 7:44 PM
To: Woolford, James; Stalcup, Dana; Cheatham, Reggie; Bertrand, Charlotte
Cc: Mahmud, Shahid; Field, Chris; Terada, Calvin; Moon, Wally; Jennings, Jannine; Fleming, Sheila; Grandinetti, Cami
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Out of a abundance of caution, I am providing you this notification under the *enhanced notification procedures for mining and mineral processing sites*. This incident did not impact Waters of the United States nor any down gradient local jurisdictions, but due to heightened concerns by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, it may generate some attention.

At approximately 8:15 am local mountain time today (1/22/16), the JR Simplot Company notified the National Response Center of a release of approximatley 6,000 gallons of gypsum waste slurry from their gypsum stack. The release was in the same areas as a November 22nd dike failure which released 250,000 of gypsum wate slurry. The release impacted soil on Simplot and BLM land, outside the boundaries of the Fort Hall reservation. Both EPA and Idaho DEQ have been in contact with Simplot and are coordinating a cleanup plan. The cause of the release is also still under investigation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

Beth

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