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To: Nixon, Donald
Cc: Steiner, Cyntia
Subject: Re: Valero Benicia Follow Up (Monday 5/8)
Date: Monday, May 08, 2017 4:59:17 PM

Yes I understand it is VPP so the focus will be narrow.

We will need to do one in the next 6 months per the accident trigger. May be next FY, but let's discuss scope and go from there.

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On May 8, 2017, at 4:55 PM, Nixon, Donald <Nixon.Donald@epa.gov> wrote:

> Seems kind of short for CalOSHA, but if I recall, the Valero Benicia refinery is VPP, or was.
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> Will we be doing an inspection out there, since the last one appears to be in 2011?
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> > At the request of Fire Chief Jim L. we are opening an inspection at the Valero refinery to review operational status.
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> > Colby from Solano CUPA will be participating in the inspection.
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> > Inspection should be completed by end of day Wednesday.
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Monday update (from discussions with USEPA and Solano County CUPA):

On Friday evening Valero was successful in restarting a number of their boilers to get the flaring and soot generation under control. Flaring and soot generation was markedly lessened.

It typically takes 5-7 days to return to full operations. Tasks include purging fuel gas, checking status of boilers for steam generation, checking FCCU for catalyst drift

It is expected that there will be intermittent flaring over the next several days.

I have attached two pix from the incident (thanks to Maggie Waldon USEPA OSC) that illustrate the level of release and a report from ARB on their PM monitoring on Friday. The link below is the most current spill update from the State Warning Center as of 5/08/17 at 9:59 am:
https://w3.calema.ca.gov/operational/malhaz.nsf/f1841a103c102734882563e200760c4a/06878c352dab1bac8825811a005d51f7?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,valero (Total SO2 released thus far: 52444 lbs.)

The incident highlights a number of ways that response can be improved. We will be collecting information from responding and supporting organizations in the near future. Kindly forward any reports that would add to the body of knowledge and recommendations for improvement.

Thanks to all who responded and supported activities during this incident.

Regards,

Paul

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