From: Steiner, Cyntia
To: Nixon, Donald; Lawrence, Kathryn
Cc: Allen, HarryL
Subject: RE: KQED Question
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 10:37:18 AM

FYI - At our level, we never respond directly to reporters unless we are given permission/direction of OPA/mgrs, etc.

I have not this happen while in SF so don't know the exact process, but typically in addition to alerting management as you did, you should alert R9 OPA (office of public affairs) and our SF communications liaison regarding inquiries from reporters.

Here is information from our R9 intranet page on these contacts.

Media Relations

In addition to planning outreach, if you receive a call from a reporter, please contact the appropriate press officer immediately. (Email is often the quickest way to reach them.)

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You should probably also reach out to Rusty ..

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Divisional Communication Liaisons work closely with OPA and program staff and management to facilitate planning for your division's external communications. Be sure to include your divisional liaison in any communication planning.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nixon, Donald
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 10:21 AM
To: Lawrence, Kathryn <Lawrence.Kathryn@epa.gov>
Cc: Steiner, Cyntia <Steiner.Cyntia@epa.gov>; Allen, HarryL <Allen.HarryL@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: KQED Question

Kay;

Do we have a policy/procedure/person who deals with press questions, or can I simply answer that we are asking questions?

Thanks,

Don

-----Original Message-----
From: Ted Goldberg [mailto:tgoldberg@KQED.org]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Nixon, Donald <Nixon.Donald@epa.gov>
Subject: KQED Question

Don:

It's Ted Goldberg at KQED in San Francisco.

Terry Schmidtbauer, an official in Solano County that's helping direct the county's investigation into the May 5 outage in Valero's Benicia refinery, suggested I contact you.

Is EPA launching a new investigation into this incident?

If so, when did it start?

Thanks,

Ted
KQED
415-553-8450