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Subject: Re: Ames Warehouse Fire (Parkersburg, WV) Public Health Update

Good evening Lawrence

Assuming EPA's PM10 24-hour average results were principally fine particulate matter, these results ranged from the good through the hazardous AQI categories.

Hope this helps.

Charles

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 2, 2017, at 6:18 PM, Messina, Lawrence C <Lawrence.C.Messina@wv.gov> wrote:

> Good evening. I've been serving as Public Information Officer for the Incident Command established to respond to the Oct. 21 Ames Warehouse fire in Parkersburg, W.Va.
>
> A colleague in the (virtual) Joint Information Center forwarded me your very helpful memo of Oct. 31. I believe this should be shared with the public. I wish to clarify a major finding contained in the memo, however.
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> The memo says, "The primary concern for health officials has been "spikes" of both PM10 and PM2.5. These spikes have been above 24 hour air quality standards for open air for brief periods of time during the day or night."
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> Can you please tell me whether they spikes were in the "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" range, the "Unhealthy" range or worse on the Air Quality Index (for particle pollution)?
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> I believe this will help the public avoid jumping to unnecessary and incorrect conclusions.
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> Any assisted appreciated. Thank you.

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