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OSC Lindsey reports that firefighting efforts continue; however, there is more smoke than yesterday. EPA is continuing particulate monitoring at four stations, one station at the fire and three stations around the community. Yesterday's data showed levels remain at a moderate risk level, however, one community station showed higher exceedances at certain times. Particulate data at the fire still remain much higher. The County's contractor, CTEH, screened the schools. Plans are for schools to open on Monday unless the situation changes over the weekend. EPA will be setting up additional particulate monitoring stations at the two schools closest to the fire for confirmation monitoring

The Incident Commander, Lubeck Fire Chief Mark Stewart, estimates that the fire is 90 percent extinguished, thanks to the ongoing efforts of first responders and the contractor (SPSI) team. They hope to extinguish the fire by Saturday night. Once the fire is out, they will closely monitor the site for 36 to 48 hours for any flare-ups. Only after that cool-down period will the Incident Command consider declaring the fire completely extinguished.

The State and County requested to use EPA's plane, ASPECT, at about 4:30 PM yesterday afternoon and mobilization took place immediately. The first scan of thermal imaging took place around 1:30 AM on Friday while the plane was enroute to the airport. An additional flight took place at 11:00 AM today. The media and State Senator Azinger were on-site for this morning's flyover.

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) is conducting a river survey today collecting samples every 20 miles for approximately 100 miles starting at the mouth of the Little Kanawha to find leading edge of plume. WV American Water and Cincinnati Water Works are assisting with analysis.

Operations at the Wood County EOC have been scaling back. OSC Lindsey spoke with the EMA Director about the continuing needs once the fire is out. EPA offered support to keep the Unified Command working for coordination of activities, status update, and resolution of ongoing and outstanding issues. Wood County accepted the offer for EPA support.

OSC Lindsey has reached out to ATSDR for the most appropriate contact for Public Health support to review of data and to communicate health concerns once the County's consultant is no longer available. EPA's particulate monitoring and air monitoring will continue through the weekend.