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**Subject:** RE: Hydrogen Chloride - MGP Response - Article for R7 Quarterly

My 2 cents...

I'm afraid this response is getting blown out of proportion. Keep in mind that the release happened at 8:00 AM, was secured at 9:00 AM and the all clear was given at 10:00 AM. By the time we arrived on scene at noon, the HCL cloud had dissipated and we detected no Cl gas with the survey instruments we were using.

We were all fortunate that the incident was not more serious than it was but please realize that EPA did not play a significant role in the response while it was happening. There are now a number of regulatory agency investigations that have been initiated to look into the incident and I do not want to overstate EPA's role in the response.

If you want to focus your piece on the roles and activities that occurred in the EOC during the incident, feel free. I was not there and can't speak to what was involved. But for my part, the PowerPoint briefing you have is a good summary of what we did and did not do at the scene and I have nothing more to add.

Thanks

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Doug,

I had a discussion with Ken yesterday, and OPA would like to include the Hydrogen Chloride-MGP response in the next R7 Quarterly. The idea would be to get a perspective on the response from the time of the initial call to the spill phone, the response actions (this may be a question for Paul Doherty), and short-term/long-term considerations to take into account.

Ken provided me with a powerpoint (see attached e-mails from Ken) with some photos from the response. I looked on the epaosc.org website for background information; however, the excerpt below was the length of what I was able to find:

"A spill was reported at MGP Ingredients facility in Atchison, KS. The release occurred around 8:30 AM. The material released is believed to be chlorine. US EPA has dispatched responders to the scene to assist with air monitoring and incident management. At about 11:30AM, October 21, 2016 the City of Atchison announced the air outside in no longer considered a hazard to human health."

When you have a moment, could you provide some background on the spill (location, facility, time, etc.). The idea is that you provide background, OPA puts together the article, OPA asks a few questions for some story quotes, and then you would review the story for accuracy. The Word Document attached (2016-09-19-R7 News-Style-Guide.docx) has two templates that you can follow when providing this information, so that should make it easier.

The deadline for the story is Nov. 14, so if you could provide this information in the next week or so, it would be helpful to get the ball rolling.

Feel free to give me a call with any questions in the meantime.

Regards,

Cody

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