To: Ruiz, Adam[Ruiz.Adam@epa.gov]
Cc: Carey, Curtis[Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]; Buchholz, Ken[Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov]
From: Washburn, Ben
Sent: Tue 10/25/2016 8:20:49 PM
Subject: RE: EPA inquiry involving MGP Ingredients?

Dave is out, so not able to get a hold of him, but I did forward to see if he gets a chance to take a look.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ruiz, Adam
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 2:35 PM
To: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
Cc: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA inquiry involving MGP Ingredients?

Have you talked to Dave Bryan? He was in the spill room and may be able to answer these with a consistent message.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 25, 2016, at 2:11 PM, Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Here are the reporter's question. We no longer need to do a phone interview, written responses are fine:
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> 1. Is EPA investigating this incident?
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> 2. How harmful to public health was this release?
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> 3. What past violations (in detail and with dates; air quality only) has EPA found at this plant?
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> 4. How serious is this violation, insofar as this involved a widespread public health hazard and was not something of a regulatory nature? In other words, would this be characterized as "run of the mill" or something more serious?
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Carey, Curtis
> Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 1:21 PM
> To: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
> Subject: RE: EPA inquiry involving MGP Ingredients?
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> Ben,
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> What is the reporter going to be asking about?

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ruiz, Adam
> Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 1:13 PM
> To: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>
> Subject: RE: EPA inquiry involving MGP Ingredients?
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> Ben,
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> The two OSCs that worked the spill are both out of the office. Most of the OSC group is out this week either at trainings, meetings, or site work. Is this something we can provide information to you or another OPA contact about to conduct the interview?
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> Adam Ruiz
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> 11201 Renner Blvd.
> Lenexa, KS 66219
> (913) 551-7926
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Washburn, Ben
> Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 11:43 AM
> To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Ruiz, Adam <Ruiz.Adam@epa.gov>
> Subject: FW: EPA inquiry involving MGP Ingredients?
>
> Here's a request for interview regarding the Atchison release.
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> He is requesting a phone interview, so if we do this we will need to identify an appropriate spokesperson. We should try to respond today, given they are planning for this evening and tomorrow.
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> Benjamin M. Washburn
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Whitley, Christopher
> Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 11:30 AM
> To: Ray Scherer <rscherer@npgco.com>
> Cc: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
> Subject: RE: EPA inquiry involving MGP Ingredients?
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> Ray,
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> My colleague Ben Washburn is handling questions related to the Atchison release. By copy of this message, I'm forwarding your inquiry to him, and he will follow up with you directly.
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> Chris Whitley
> Public Affairs Specialist
> U.S. EPA Region 7 Office of Public Affairs
> 11201 Renner Boulevard
> Lenexa, KS 66219
> 913-551-7394

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ray Scherer [mailto:rscherer@npgco.com]
> Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 10:40 AM
> To: Whitley, Christopher <Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: EPA inquiry involving MGP Ingredients?
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> Hi Chris:
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> Can you tell if there is anyone staff there who can speak to media about the Friday incident in Atchison at MGP? If so, I will have some questions to pose to them for my article that we're planning for Wednesday's issue...as well as this evening's coverage on our FOX station, KNPN.
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> I'd also like to request permission, if allowable, to record a phone interview with EPA for our TV station.
>
> I should be here most of the day, except for a lunch hour that I'm planning for 1 to 2 p.m.
>
> Thanks for anything you can provide to assist with my coverage.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Ray Scherer
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