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Suggested:
Thank you for your inquiry. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are working with Unified Command in response to a fire at the Intercontinental Terminals Corporation (ITC) Deer Park facility near Houston, TX. The Unified Command consists of EPA, TCEQ, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Harris County Pollution Control Services (HCPCS) and ITC. Emergency responders continue to use foam to control and prevent spreading of the fire. EPA has conducted, and continues to conduct, air monitoring with the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology aircraft (ASPECT) and has not measured any significant detections in the vicinity and downwind of the incident.

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Hi David –

We have two questions for you.

1. Can you explain what EPA is doing to coordinate a response with the ITC to the Deer Park fire? (Below is the company's statement).
2. Does the EPA plan to deploy its plane to help boost information about what is being released into the air by this ongoing fire?

Statement from the company: ITC is continuing coordinating its response with representatives of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Coast Guard, Harris County and other Federal, State, and local agencies.

Thank you!
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