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Sent: 3/19/2019 10:51:01 PM
To: Crossland, Ronnie [Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov]; Smith, Monica [smith.monica@epa.gov]; Mason, Steve [mason.steve@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Heads up re EJ in Deer Park

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Blanco, Arturo" <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>
Date: March 19, 2019 at 5:45:21 PM CDT
To: "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>
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By the way, we will also call our EJ contact in TCEQ tomorrow to let them know of the concern by tejas on the air monitoring gap they saw.

Omari also received this afternoon the following questions from tejas via email: (we will work with SF on addressing)

Have any buildings or areas of Lynchburg Ferry Sheltered-in-place as a result of the ITC chemical storage fire, and/or smoke?
Will any indoor air quality assessments be conducted inside the various schools withing these districts. Will other school districts conduct indoor air quality assessments?
How many tanks at the ITC location are fully involved or partially involved in the fire?
Where is run-off water being directed to? If water run-off is directed to Houston Ship Channel the public should be informed of any water testing results. When will these results be available?
What VOC was detected by ITC at 5:30 am on 3/18/19, and approximately in what community?
What particulate matter was detected PM10 or PM2.5?
What is considered "below hazardous levels", and what levels is the company referring to TCEQ, EPA?

A fire in Baytown, TX also occurred on 3/16/19, are any public reports available for air quality or what chemical was on fire for the Baytown incident?

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On the phone this morning his concern was that EPA provided air monitoring, including working with NASA. I mentioned the air monitoring using ASPECT and he liked hearing that.

This afternoon t.e.j.a.s' Deidre Arellano came from Fort Worth on behalf of Juan, relayed public health exposure concerns. Said that t.e.j.a.s is working well through a liaison in Harris County, but at this point is concerned about some data gaps in some of TCEQ monitors. We gave her the website link to access the ASPECT data and she welcomed the information. Deidre also made a request on behalf of Juan to set up a meeting with Anne at a mutually convenient time and location (Dallas or Houston). Juan wants to share the kind of work he is thinking on doing with cooperation from the agencies. I plan to talk with you more on this in our weekly meeting in the morning.

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Did Juan have any specific concerns?

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> On Mar 19, 2019, at 5:23 PM, Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov> wrote:
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> We touched base this afternoon with Lisa on what we should be sharing and we will be emailing EJ advocates in the area tomorrow. Meanwhile, we met with t.e.j.a.s this afternoon and shared information witih them.
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> We should be proactively reaching out to our EJ advocates in the area to share info and hear their concerns first hand. Are we sending them updates?
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On Mar 19, 2019, at 10:58 AM, Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov> wrote:

Juan Parras called me moments ago over environmental concerns in Deer Park. He wants to ask EPA to be involved in air monitoring and while I generally mentioned EPA is supporting a response to the event with monitoring, I also verified email addresses he wanted, so you may be getting an email from him.

I spoke with Lisa, so I will also share with Juan shareable information when I get it. I will check back later after my dental appointment where I am checking in now.

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