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From: Assunto, Carmen [Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/19/2019 6:09:21 PM
To: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
CC: Bokun, Lisa [Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - through r6press

Got it ☺

From: Gray, David
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:09 PM
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Cc: Bokun, Lisa <Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov>
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Good. I am fine with you only sharing the inquiries where you believe you need my input/review.

From: Assunto, Carmen
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:07 PM
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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.

From: Eaton, Collin (Reuters) <Collin.Eaton@thomsonreuters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 10:10 AM
To: R6Press
Subject: Reuters News Inquiry

Hi Jennah, Joe,

Collin Eaton with Reuters in Houston. Could you let me know what EPA's Dallas office is doing on the ground in Houston at the site of the fires in several petrochemical tanks in Deer Park near the Shell facilities? We are working on a story over the next two or three hours about the air quality/environmental impact of the incident and I'd like to ask a few questions if I could about that. Could you please let me know as soon as possible? I can be reached most easily at 281-254-0328.
All the best,

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Sincerely,

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