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CC: Chancellor, Erin [chancellor.erin@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Deer Park Petrochemical Fire

Was this an EPA R6 or TCEQ Press release?

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:40 PM
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Cc: Chancellor, Erin <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>
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From today's press release

TCEQ is working with EPA, the Coast Guard, and ITC's contractor to assess impacts of firefighting foam on waterways adjacent to the facility. TCEQ's contractor is sampling water from Tucker Bayou to the Houston Ship Channel and at drainage outfalls adjacent to the facility. Samples have been submitted to a certified water laboratory; however, results can take between 24 and 72 hours to be processed and finalized.

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Removing the Hill staffers.

Thanks Matt. David, we are crashing pretty hard on hearing stuff this afternoon. Do we feel comfortable answering this over email, or is a call a better solution? If so, lets try and schedule it for tomorrow and get them added to the update list.

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Hi Jake,

Thanks for the question. I'm looping in Christian from my office, and David Gray from our Region 6 (Dallas) office, to help with your question.

Thanks,
Matt

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Matthew,
I have been following the Deer Park Petrochemical Fire in Texas and saw they were using AFFF on the fires. While I know it may have been necessary on the petroleum based fire is the EPA working to contain the AFFF containing PFAS on that site post fire? Does the EPA have a clean-up plan for large events like this one to contain the PFAS discharge?
https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Fire-at-Southeast-Texas-Petrochemicals-Storage-Facility-Extinguished-Officials-507397811.html

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