Message

From: Chancellor, Erin [chancellor.erin@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/18/2019 7:10:50 PM
To: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Houston Area Fire

Thanks!

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From: Gray, David
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:11 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Chancellor, Erin <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Houston Area Fire

International Terminals Corporation (ITC) Fire Update
Deer Park, Texas
March 18, 2019

- At approximately 10:20 am local time on March 17, 2019, Intercontinental Terminals Corporation (ITC) discovered a tank on fire and reported the incident to the National Response Center (NRC #1240304). EPA Region 6 Phone Duty Officer (PDO) activated the Response Duty Officer (RDO) and EPA START contractors to respond.

- EPA mobilized and entered Unified Command with TCEQ, Harris County Pollution Control Services, and ITC. USCG also mobilized and is providing support.

- Predominant winds were from the east northeast from La Porte, Texas towards Hobby Airfield. EPA and ITC continued air monitoring throughout the night in the vicinity and downwind. Particulates were detected just southwest of the facility, but no readings above action levels. No readings of VOCs or other constituents were detected.

- EPA conducted aerial air monitoring with the use of the ASPECT aircraft and measured no significant detections in the vicinity and downwind of the incident.

- As of 0500 hours on 03/18, 9 tanks containing gasoline blends, toluene, naphtha, xylenes, pyrolysis gasoline, and blended oils were involved in the fire. The shelter in place for the City of Deer Park is still in effect. Highway 225 continues to be closed in both directions in the vicinity of the facility.

- Emergency responders continue to use foam to control the fire and prevent the fire from spreading to the remaining tanks within the contained area. We are checking on the type of foam being deployed. The RP said it did not contain PFAS.

- At 5:30 am on 3/18/19, the City of Deer Park lifted the shelter-in-place order. http://www.ci.deer-park.tx.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=979

- Deer Park and La Porte ISDs canceled class for today (3/18/19) https://www.lpisd.org/

- The TAGA has been requested and will depart RTP, North Carolina, this morning (3/18/19). It is expected to be on scene on Wednesday (3/20/19).

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Davide/Erin,

Do you have any info on this you can share before I give him a ring?

-Aaron

From: Bond, Patrick <Patrick.Bond2@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 3:08 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: Houston Area Fire

Aaron –
I'm not sure we've met but I'm Rep. Sylvia Garcia's LD and wanted to connect regarding the fire at Intercontinental Terminals Co in Deerpark, TX. Let me know when we might be able to do a call. I'm in the district but on my cell at 202-227-7644.
Thanks,
Pat