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From: Bokun, Lisa [Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/18/2019 5:50:43 PM
To: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
CC: Taheri, Diane [Taheri.Diane@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: URGENT: Response to ABC News & Revised Desk Stmt

Got it – will incorporate. Are we good to go with the Desk Stmt. once we edit? Are you good with proposed response to bullet # 1

From: Gray, David
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Bokun, Lisa <Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov>
Cc: Taheri, Diane <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Response to ABC News & Revised Desk Stmt

I wouldn't use vulnerable. Might say – EPA is also monitoring for any potential impacts at Superfund sites that are nearby.

From: Bokun, Lisa
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 12:40 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Taheri, Diane <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Response to ABC News & Revised Desk Stmt

See proposed response to bullet #1. HQ OLEM provided bullet #2 response. **Is EPA involved in the response to the fire in Deer Park?** (draft response): Yes, EPA is working in Unified Command responding to a fire at the International Terminals Corporation (ITC) Deer Park facility near Houston, TX.

- **Also can you help me clarify the status of the RMP amendments? My understanding is that the changes for the new standards on RMPs went into effect last September, so do you know if this facility submitted a plan?**
  - The RMP Amendments rule became effective September 21, 2018. However, most of the major provisions of the rule have compliance dates in 2021 or 2022. RMP facilities are not required to submit updated risk management plans reflecting changes associated with the Amendments until March 14, 2022. ITC Deer Park is an RMP-regulated facility, which last updated its RMP in March, 2018.

Also, Maggie S. is asking that we expand our desk statement - "Can we please add something about how we are monitoring nearby Superfund sites in the area that may be vulnerable? We're thinking we'll get questions on that." We have amended the DRAFT Desk Stmt. to include the last sentence.

REVISED DRAFT DESK STATEMENT:

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 International 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 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. EPA is monitoring nearby Superfund sites that may be vulnerable.

From: Bokun, Lisa
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Taheri, Diane <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov>
Subject: URGENT:Revised Draft Desk Statement for Approval

See below

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Assunto, Carmen" <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
> **Date:** March 18, 2019 at 11:38:38 AM CDT
> **To:** "Adams, Adam" <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Bokun, Lisa" <Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov>, "Taheri, Diane" <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov>, "Crossland, Ronnie" <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>, "Smith, Monica" <smith.monica@epa.gov>, "Mason, Steve" <mason.steve@epa.gov>, "Smalley, Bryant" <smalley.bryant@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Revised per Adams comment. RE: Draft Desk Statement for Approval**
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> Removed. Thank you.
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> **Draft Desk Statement**
> 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 International 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 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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> **From:** Adams, Adam
> **Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 11:37 AM
> **To:** Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Bokun, Lisa <Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov>; Taheri, Diane <Taheri.Diane@epa.gov>; Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>; Smith, Monica <smith.monica@epa.gov>; Mason, Steve <mason.steve@epa.gov>; Smalley, Bryant <smalley.bryant@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Draft Desk Statement for Approval
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> Well. The last sentence is off.

Basically, EPA, TCEQ, and ITC contractors are conducting air monitoring downwind. I wouldn't use your last sentence.
Thanks
Adam

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On Mar 18, 2019, at 11:21 AM, Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov> wrote:

> TCEQ has reviewed and approved this. Please send to appropriate people and edit as needed for final approval. Thank you, Carmen
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> **Draft Desk Statement**
> 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 International 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 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. EPA and the Unified Command are continuing to conduct air monitoring.
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> Sincerely,
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> Carmen Assunto
> State and Local Liaison
> U.S. EPA Region 6
> Houston Laboratory
> 281-983-2196