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Thank you for writing. I will start working on a response. Carmen

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From: Gray, David
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Connecting our PIO Carmen Assunto

From: Aragon, Rose-Ann <raragon@kprc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 1:09 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Subject: KPRC Questions 3/20

Hi David:

My name is Rose-Ann Aragon, and I am a reporter with KPRC-TV in Houston. I am emailing about the Deer Park tank fire at ITC. Our goal is to get the most accurate and updated information to help our viewers and keep them informed. As you can imagine, there is a lot of confusion and potential fear that we would like to put to rest with good information from credible sources. We believe the following questions are fair and reasonable considering the magnitude of the fire and the impact on the community. We are constantly hearing from our viewers who are particularly interested in transparency and potential issues with public health. We are hoping that you can answer these to the best of your abilities.

I will follow up with you on these questions. I appreciate your help.

Topic 1) What is the EPA in charge of in this investigation, what is exactly being done. Which agencies are accountable for which parts of the investigation (Who is accountable?).

2) What are the potential health concerns that you are watching closely and why? What test are you doing to check these?

3) Shell in Deer Park told its employees not to come to work because of benzene levels which exceed the permissible limit. Is your investigation finding this? Were you aware of this?

4) ITC mentioned that it had concerns over returning to the investigation because of safety and that it would do soil testing. Is this this a concern for public health? What is the status of your soil, water and air investigations? *Where can we get timely updates to your findings?

5) Where can people get information if they are concerned about the investigations or public health concerns?

6) What will be coming down your pipeline next? What will we be hearing from you and when can we expect updates?

Please feel free to call if you need clarification on any questions. Thank you again!

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