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Thanks, let me know as soon as it clears internal review.

-Aaron

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Due to the tight deadline (3 PM ET- Wash DC) I am sharing this draft for your review. We are fact checking a few points on a parallel process.

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Yes, sir. I agree with that assessment. Carl and David, would you to get this ball rolling? What is the timeframe to get this back up to HQ OCIR?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 19, 2019, at 4:25 PM, Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov> wrote:

> Anne & Erin –
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> It would seem that R6 is in the best position to do the initial draft – do you concur?
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> Steven
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Looping in Anne Idsal.

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Patrick/Steven/David/Erin,

Including OECA, OLEM, and R6 since this covers all of your offices. I have to imagine we'll get questions on this specific issue during the E&C budget hearing at a minimum. Can we get a fact sheet together for his briefing binder?

Thanks,
Aaron

BEYOND THE BELTWAY

RED FLAGS AT TEXAS CHEMICAL PLANT: Records show Intercontinental Terminals Company's Deer Park plant in Texas, which went up in flames on Sunday, has had multiple incidents of violating clean air and clean water rules since 2009, the Houston Chronicle's Matt Dempsey reports. During that time, the company did not follow federal risk management regulations, and federal, state and county regulators issued more than $65,000 in civil penalties.

Not the first time: According to EPA data, ITC violated the federal Clean Water Act during nine of the last 12 quarters. Among other violations, the Commission on Environmental Quality fined the company for dumping a toxic chemical called cyanide into the San Jacinto River basin in July 2017, and the company also spilled chemicals in two Texas cities on four separate occasions in the past decade. ITC's Deer Park facility also had a major explosion in 1986 which killed one and injured seven. A report from the Houston Chronicle in 2016 also found there's a major chemical incident once every six weeks in the greater Houston area. Read the full story here.

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