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Anne – let me know if you need me to send in.
David

Region 6 Weekly Update
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Hot Topics

Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) LLC, Deer Park, Texas
On March 17, 2019, Intercontinental Terminals Company LLC (ITC) discovered a tank on fire and reported the incident to the National Response Center. Many of the fifteen (15) tanks containing naptha, gasoline, oil, xylenes, Pygas, and Toluene have been emptied. Levels of benzene in the area continue to decline except for material contained by booms in Tucker Bayou. ITC is considering a request to use foam or other material to help control vapors in this area. This action would require consultation with the Regional Response Team (RRT). ASPECT continues to conduct overflights and surface runs with TCEQ, EPA and Coast Guard are assessing possible impacts of firefighting foam on waterways adjacent to the facility. PFAS concerns have been raised and sampling is being conducted. High Congressional and Media Interest

Denka Performance Elastomers, LaPlace, Louisiana
On March 26, 2019, EPA held a legal call with Denka's outside counsel, along with DuPont and LDEQ, following EPA's onsite visit on March 20. Denka agreed to provide information regarding root causes and plant operations during spikes at the community monitors on a monthly basis. The company plans to respond to EPA's request for information on potential chloroprene emission reduction projects within four weeks. Denka is still planning for a follow-up meeting in the next month to go over all the issues related to on site monitoring and discuss whether it is necessary.

Texas' withdrawal of 4 SIP Revisions, Texas
By April 5, EPA will be acknowledging via correspondence that Texas has withdrawn from our consideration four amendments to their anti-tampering rules, submitted as SIP revisions to EPA prior to 2018. EPA supports the action to withdraw the SIP revisions, as the four amendments are no longer relevant to the Texas SIP.

Major Decisions and Events

New Mexico-Albuquerque 2015 Ozone, New Mexico
By April 4, EPA anticipates a proposed approval of the New Mexico and Albuquerque-Bernalillo County infrastructure SIPs for the 2015 ozone NAAQS to meet CAA section 110(a)(1) and (2) requirements, and New Mexico SIP revision for repeal of the New Mexico total suspended particulate standards.

Albuquerque Air Permit SIP, Albuquerque, New Mexico
By April 10, EPA anticipates a proposal approval of the first set of revisions to Albuquerque Air Permit SIP to remove conditional approval and convert conditionally approved air permit rules to full approval based on revision of rules.

Pueblo of Santa Ana TAS Application, New Mexico
By April 25, EPA anticipates final approval of the Santa Ana Pueblo's TAS application under CAA authority for Sections 105, 107(d)(3), 126, and 505(a)(2). The action will authorize the Pueblo to apply for funding under CAA 105 provisions and receive notifications of CAA permit applications. During the public comment period no comments were received.

2008 Ozone Standard Volatile Organic Compound SIP and Reasonably Achievable Control Technology, Houston/Galveston/Brazoria, Texas

By April 26, EPA anticipates final approval of the Texas' 2008 Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (RACT) demonstration for the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria non-attainment area. Adverse comments raised questions on the legality of the state's approach to addressing startup, shut down and malfunction emission events. OGC has asked that final action be delayed until proposed reconsideration of the Texas SSM SIP call is published so the agency's position on these issues can be better articulated.

April 3	**RTOC Meeting, Dallas, Texas**
April 4	**Tribal Summit, Dallas, Texas**
April 8	**ECOS Meeting, Washington, DC**