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On Apr 5, 2019, at 7:36 AM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

All - we are preparing to release our preliminary data for PFAS chemicals. It will be available on our website. Below is a summary statement and some background information. I hope you find it helpful.

David

PFAS Trend Statement

After conducting surface water sampling for PFAS, EPA has found that concentrations are highest at the confluence of Tucker Bayou and Buffalo Bayou, which is closest to where PFAS from

firefighting foam entered the water. EPA's analysis of the preliminary data show that concentrations in the surface water are trending downward over time and distance downstream from the confluence.

Background

- EPA is posting preliminary data to ensure the public is aware of the results.
  - It is important to note that samples are still undergoing quality assurance review and the data may change once this review is complete.
  - EPA typically waits until it has completed its quality assurance processes before it makes data available.
  - However, EPA is making the preliminary data available now so that the public has access to this critical information as quickly as possible.
- EPA tested for 24 types of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), including PFOA and PFOS, using Method ASTM D7979.
- Near the confluence, PFOA and PFOS samples taken on March 23, 2019 were 68.8 ng/L and 2020 ng/L, respectively.
  - The most recent sampling from the same location on April 2, 2019 provided concentrations of 10.6 ng/L (PFOA) and 172 ng/L (PFOS).
- Preliminary background data from upstream of the spill also showed PFAS.
  - These concentrations are unrelated to the ITC incident, and are only slightly lower than current downstream concentrations of PFAS in the surface water.
  - For example, background concentrations for PFOS ranged from 164 to 192 ng/L and for PFOA ranged from 11.2 to 12.7 ng/L.

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