Message

From: Hans, Mick [hans.mick@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/16/2017 7:14:53 PM
To: Beslow, Mike [beslow.mike@epa.gov]
CC: Jager, Ginger [jager.ginger@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Foam at Outfall 010

That's where an official Info Request from Jason comes in, prepared by Ginger and ORC. That said, over in CEPPS this is a more deliberate process than an OSC does with an active site and a spill to mitigate or contain.

From: Beslow, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Hans, Mick <hans.mick@epa.gov>
Cc: Jager, Ginger <jager.ginger@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Foam at Outfall 010

Hey Mick-
No problem, I understand it takes a long time. What is an appropriate amount of time to follow up with this?
My big concern is, they have no idea what they released and how much, and they don't seem to be making an effort to find out.

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That depends on Ginger's evaluation. Case development doesn't move as quickly as an OSC response does. (Nor is it resourced as well. When Ruth exits in two weeks, it'll be just Ginger and Jim Entzminger on the team.)

Please keep Ginger looped and be sure she's got adequate documentation so she can do a formal Info Request—which is the first step in case building, if looks like RQ may have been exceeded.

I'd encourage a conversation between you both today. Ginger leaves @ 2:30. Involve me if useful.

Mick

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Mick is this being pursued by your group?

From: Riley, Ellen
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Beslow, Mike <beslow.mike@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Foam at Outfall 010

Hi Mike,

I reviewed this and this is an issue for Ginger. There is no oil or sheen that I can see.

Sorry,

ellen

From: Beslow, Mike
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Barnett, Thomas R <Thomas.Barnett@arcelormittal.com>
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Tom-
You attached the provided NPDES Permit No. IN0000094 not the referenced NPDES permit IN0000205.
All I want to know is did Arcelor Mittal exceed any RQs in yesterday's release.

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Mike, per your reques,t attached is a copy of the test results performed on the small amount of foam observed on August 9th. The results confirm that the foam was not a petroleum product.

As I mentioned to you today at our meeting at the Outfall, based on our past experience, the foam could have been caused by chemicals used in the wastewater treatment process. The chemicals used in the process are all identified in the ArcelorMittal Indiana Harbor NPDES permit IN0000205 which is also attached for your reference (see Section 5.8).

We will continue to monitor and sample any future instances of the appearance of this foam and will keep you apprised.

Tom

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Subject: RE: ArcelorMittal Outfall report, August 9, 2017

Tom-
Yesterday, you indicated in the below email that you would have your test results in this morning and inform us what you discharged into the Indiana Harbor Canal. I have not received a result of your tests , kindly let us know exactly what you discharged. I understand no NRC report was made. When we spoke this morning, you indicated you may never know what was discharged. If this remains to be this case, kindly send me the list of the 15 chemicals that you stated it could have been and at what the largest volume each has the potential to release. We need to make a determination if there were any chemicals released in any quantities that could be of immediate harm to human health or the environment.

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All we know at this point Mike is that it is a white foam, we will have the analyses back tomorrow morning, which should help. In the past we have gotten foam at outfalls from overfeed of wastewater treatment chemicals.

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Tom-
What is being discharged?

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Please excuse any errors as this email was sent from a mobile device.

On Aug 9, 2017, at 2:42 PM, Barnett, Thomas R <Thomas.Barnett@arcelormittal.com> wrote:

Minor amount of white foam (no oil) still discharging out Outfall 010 today (see attached notification to IDEM). National Maintenance onsite and vacuumed up 1-2 gallons of foam caught by the inside soft boom.

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