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To: Ojeda, Jose [Jose.Ojeda@WestonSolutions.com]
Subject: RE: DRAFT - Pollution Report # (Initial)1 South 4 Group Fire - Initial

Of course. No worries.
Thanks for the comments.

From: Ojeda, Jose <Jose.Ojeda@WestonSolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2019 12:18 PM
To: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: DRAFT - Pollution Report # (Initial)1 South 4 Group Fire - Initial

Autocompleted the wrong Phil. Corrected it after I realized it.

Sent from my mobile device.

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This email is being sent from a mobile device. I respectfully ask that you excuse the tone, punctuation, and any grammatical errors.

From: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
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To: Bredfeldt, Phil <Phil.Bredfeldt@WestonSolutions.com>; Ojeda, Jose <Jose.Ojeda@WestonSolutions.com>
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Please disregard this email. He didn't mean to send it to you.
Thanks
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Adam

From: Bredfeldt, Phil <Phil.Bredfeldt@WestonSolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Jose Ojeda <Jose.Ojeda@WestonSolutions.com>; Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
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Hi, Jose. Was this email meant for someone else? Have a great Thanksgiving!

From: Ojeda, Jose
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2019 12:16 AM
To: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
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Here are my suggestions:

1.1.2 Site Description

- C4 carbon chain range product are Gases. Not sure if you want to point this out or not. Not sure if everyone reading the POLREP will understand what C4 means.
- Treated waste water is discharged from the **onsite** joint waste water treatment plant...

1.1.2.2. Description of Threat

- Description states "various butadiens". Are there other variations of butadiene? There's Polybutadiene, but that's the synthetic rubber made from the butadiene process.
- Should be written as 1,3-Butadiene (butadiene). Then can be referred to as butadiene for rest of document.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

- Due to the instability of the Site, **which include** active fires**,** ~~and~~ **the possibility of additional** explosions, and limited ability to conduct a detailed **status** assessment ~~of the status~~ of the tanks, towers, and contents in each after the incident began, **onsite** preliminary assessment efforts have been minimal.

2.1.1 Narrative

- "...damage and shattered windows **from residential properties** up to a mile away."
- The cause of the initial explosion is **currently** unknown.

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

- An evacuation radius of 0.5 mile was established shortly after the initial explosion and a shelter in place was issued for the City of Groves and south of the facility all the way to the Hwy 73 bridge.
    - The Neches River Hwy 73 bridge? This bridge is east of the site. I don't understand what area south of the facility. We normally state crossroads to define an area.
- I would move the ASPECT deployment sentence to be after the START activation/arrival statement to keep the narrative in chronological order. START arrived @ 0530, ASPECT was deployed @ 0800, OSC arrived @ 0900.
- In addition to ASPECT air monitoring, ~~there are currently~~ 3 EPA ~~air monitoring~~ **ground** teams **were deployed to conduct air monitoring** ~~collecting~~ ~~data~~ downwind ~~and in~~ **within** the community **located south-southwest of the facility**.
- On behalf of TPC, CTEH ~~has~~ conducted perimeter air monitoring around the Site**,** and ~~has~~ detected a **single** maximum concentration of 1.2 ppm VOCs. At **approximately** 1348**,** a second explosion occurred at the Site.
    - Did CTEH provide the location of the VOC reading?
    - I'm guessing the 4-mile radius was established by the County Judge at this time due to the second explosion? A statement should be added to explain the radius expanding from 0.5 to 4 miles by the County Judge.
    - Air monitoring is not being conducted within the 4-mile radius by the EPA air monitoring teams.
- An air monitoring strike team was ~~stood up~~ **created**, which is comprised of ~~air monitoring by~~ **personnel from** EPA, TCEQ, and TPC~~, which~~**. The air monitoring strike will be dispatched to** conduct~~s~~ air monitoring at ~~previous~~ locations where ~~detections~~ **the action limit of 5.0 ppm VOC** ~~were~~ **was** measured **by the air monitoring teams,** to determine sustained ~~measurement~~ or instantaneous **measurements**.

- From what I've been told, we haven't had any readings at the action limit, so I'm assuming the Strike Team was never deployed.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

- Incident is currently operating in two operational periods: 0600 to 1800, 1800 to 0600.

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Any comments on this? I'd like to send it out first thing in the morning.

Thanks all for the work.

Adam

Attached is a Pollution Report (POLREP) regarding:

USEPA Region VI
South 4 Group Fire
2102 Spur 136, Port Neches, TX

To view this POLREP, please open the attachment.

For additional information regarding this site,
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http://response.epa.gov/south4groupfire

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