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Here is a draft press release approved by TCEQ. Please route as appropriate and let me know if we have edits or approvals. I would like to publish today, if possible. I will send to Nancy for approval after you approve. Thank you so much, Carmen & Janie

EPA and TCEQ Announce Story Map Resource

Interactive tool provides easy access for TPC Group Plant Explosion fire data

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DALLAS – (November 29, 2019) - Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) announce an interactive resource to help keep the public updated and informed about the response activities for the TPC Group Plant Explosion in Port Neches, Texas.

The resource, a collaborative, interactive "story map," can be viewed on EPA's website at response.epa.gov/south4groupfire. EPA and TCEQ's response actions, as well as maps and photos are featured.

On November 27, 2019, in response to an explosion at the TPC facility, EPA, TCEQ, along with approximately 20 different agencies from the Federal, State, County and Local levels joined TPC in a Unified Command to secure the incident and protect the public and the environment. EPA and TCEQ continue to be onsite for the emergency response focused on providing the assistance and coordination needed to address on-site and off-site impacts. EPA and TCEQ have been conducting air monitoring throughout the affected areas from the onset of the response.

TCEQ and the EPA have decades of experience responding to natural and man-made disasters. Both agencies are assisting in this response with equipment and expertise in response management. EPA has conducted ground level air monitoring with hand held equipment and the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology aircraft (ASPECT). The TCEQ continues to work around the clock and is posting air quality monitoring data at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident/air-quality-monitoring-tpc-port-neches-incident.

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