Message

From: Adams, Adam [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=8ED5877842964D6794FAB4410F65DB46-ADAMS, ADAM]
Sent: 12/5/2019 7:03:00 PM
To: Acevedo, Janie [Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: ***External E-Mail*** FW: MEDIA INQUIRY FOLLOWUP - Beaumont Enterprise

I don't expect a specific response.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2019, at 12:57 PM, Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov> wrote:

Adam,
Sorry to bother you.....will Haley Doughty be putting together a response on behalf of the UC on this inquiry? Given the activities from last night, can we pass this on to the UC PIO to handle or wait for information from her.

From: Doughty, Haley J. <Haley.Doughty@tpcgrp.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>; Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>
Cc: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>; pkeith@hdaissues.com; Alisha Prather <aprather@hdaissues.com>; Cronin, Sara <Sara.Cronin@tpcgrp.com>
Subject: RE: ***External E-Mail*** FW: MEDIA INQUIRY FOLLOWUP - Beaumont Enterprise

I looked through our approved language and I don't think we have anything that has been approved.

From: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:54 AM
To: Doughty, Haley J. <Haley.Doughty@tpcgrp.com>; Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>
Cc: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>; pkeith@hdaissues.com; Alisha Prather <aprather@hdaissues.com>; Cronin, Sara <Sara.Cronin@tpcgrp.com>
Subject: RE: ***External E-Mail*** FW: MEDIA INQUIRY FOLLOWUP - Beaumont Enterprise

I believe we are asking if a response was prepared for this inquiry prior to last night.
I haven't seen any prepared response.

From: Doughty, Haley J. <Haley.Doughty@tpcgrp.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>; Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
Cc: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>; pkeith@hdaissues.com; Alisha Prather <aprather@hdaissues.com>; Cronin, Sara <Sara.Cronin@tpcgrp.com>
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Adam - this inquiry was prior to the escalation of last night's activities. Is this a continued inquiry since the situation changed and broader communications about elevated levels was communicated in conjunction with the voluntary evacuation / shelter in place was ordered by officials?

From: Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>; Doughty, Haley J. <Haley.Doughty@tpcgrp.com>
Cc: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
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Any information for the inquiry below to respond to report?

From: Acevedo, Janie
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 3:42 PM
To: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
Cc: Assunto, Carmen <assunto.carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY FOLLOWUP - Beaumont Enterprise

See below – does the UC have info for this?

Is there any specific information to share about the follow-up response from the elevated levels of VOCs and butadiene detected at SH-136 Spur/366, Port Neches, TX site.

Janie Acevedo-Beauchamp
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of External Affairs
Region 6 – Dallas
214-665-2120
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From: Dick, Jacob <Jacob.Dick@beaumontenterprise.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 2:48 PM
To: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Your inquiry

Hi Carmen,

I appreciate the explanation on monitoring. Is there any specific information to share about the follow-up response from the elevated levels of VOCs and butadiene detected at SH-136 Spur/366, Port Neches, TX site.

-Thanks,
JD

From: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 9:08 PM

To: Dick, Jacob <Jacob.Dick@beaumontenterprise.com>
Cc: Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>
Subject: Your inquiry

Good evening, OSC Adams sent us your email so we could respond to you.

EPA, TCEQ, and TPC are conducting air monitoring in the community and have been since early Wednesday, November 27, 2019. In the event an air monitoring measurement reaches an action level, the ground team that conducted the air monitoring immediately notifies Unified Command (UC). UC dispatches other roaming ground air monitoring teams to that location to confirm the measurements and if the measurements are sustained. If the measurements are sustained above an action level, then UC notifies local authorities. The local authorities would advise the community to either shelter in place or evacuate.

UC also monitors the weather continuously. As the wind shifts, our teams on the ground in the community shift with the wind direction.

There have been no air monitoring results measured in the community from this incident that warranted the local authorities to call for an additional or new shelter in place or evacuation.

If you'd like to see the EPA and TCEQ data, please go to the EPA website (www.response.epa.gov/south4groupfire). In addition to the images and documents in the tab on the right of the page, at the bottom of the page is the Story Map. It looks like an image. Click the image and a new window opens, then you can scroll through and see photos, write ups, air monitoring locations for EPA, ASPECT overflight air monitoring, etc.

Sincerely, Carmen Assunto

From: Dick, Jacob <Jacob.Dick@beaumontenterprise.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 5:15 PM
To: Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>
Subject: re: yesterday's monitoring at TPC site

Hi Mr. Adams,

This is Jacob Dick from the Beaumont Enterprise newspaper. I've been at a several of the press conference so far. I was hoping I could talk to you tonight before I file my story about the detection handheld monitors found near the plant site that tested for elevated VOCs and particulates.

My direct line is 409-838-2871 if you would like to give me a call.

-JD

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