**TPC Group Plant Explosion and Fire Update**
**Port Neches, Texas**
**November 27, 2019 Morning Update**

**Incident Overview:**

On November 27, 2019, a report was received from the National Response Center about an explosion at a facility in Port Neches, TX. The caller was a citizen who reported the facility was Huntsman Chemical, however, based on subsequent information gathered from the State of Texas and the local news, the facility was determined to be TPC. Reports state that the explosion was felt for miles around with damages to homes and shops in the area. The news is reporting an evacuation of a half-mile around and facility shelter-in-place beyond that. No fatalities have been reported, only minor injuries. The plant continues to burn at this time.

**Executive Overview:**

- OSC Adam Adams was activated and is enroute. He received the following information from the facility contact:
  - The main chemical of concern is 1,3 Butadiene, although other chemicals may be involved;
  - All water on the facility drains to the on-site waste water treatment plant;
  - The fire is contained to the TPC Group plant at this time; and
  - Mutual aid is assisting in the fire-fighting efforts.
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) personnel responded and are serving as the first federal official on-scene until the arrival of the EPA On-Scene Coordinator.
- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is activating to the Incident Command Post with air monitoring equipment.
- START has arrived on scene and is beginning air monitoring. OSC Adams anticipated time of arrival is approximately 0930 hrs.
- At the request of TCEQ, ASPECT was mobilized and its estimated time of arrival at the site is 0800 hrs.