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Port Arthur, Texas – Unified Command, including TCEQ, TPC Group and Jefferson County Office of Emergency Response, reports that response efforts at TPC Group Port Neches Operations remain focused on safely bringing the event to an end. Response efforts continue to focus on activities to secure site equipment and minimize impact to environment, while preserving the safety of emergency responders and the community.

Situational update: There have been no significant changes since update #37, issued yesterday. As part of response efforts, TPC Group is working to restart specific equipment on-site such as generators and pumps. The restart of this equipment may be heard off-site. Separately, TPC Group plans to install on-site a replacement alarm system. Unified Command will notify the public with specific alarm testing dates and times, once available. There may be elevated noise levels in the area near Port Neches Operations due to the testing.

Environmental update: Air and water quality monitoring is ongoing and continues to confirm no health impacts to air or water in the community.

Traffic Update: Portions of Spur 366 remain closed for the safety of the responders and the surrounding area. Traffic updates will continue to be provided as available. The latest traffic information follows:

Closed - Portions of Spur 136 near TPC Port Neches Operations remain closed, including:

- Intersection of Spur 136 at Highway 366
- Spur 136 to Highway 366 in front of TPC Port Neches Operations
- Highway 366 between Spur 136 & Park Street

Public Information Update: Updates and information regarding the event will continue to be posted in easily accessible locations, including:

On the web: [HYPERLINK "http://www.portnechesresponse.com/"]
Facebook: [HYPERLINK "http://www.facebook.com/PortNechesUC"]
Twitter: @PortNechesUC
STAN: [HYPERLINK "http://www.thestan.com/"]
U.S. EPA: [HYPERLINK "http://www.response.epa.gov/south4groupfire"]
TCEQ: [HYPERLINK "https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident"]

STAN: Residents are encouraged to register for updates from the Southeast Texas Alerting Network (STAN). STAN is a notification system developed by Jefferson, Orange and Hardin Counties, in partnership with the Industry in Southeast Texas, the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission and local media. STAN provides the latest information about area emergencies, plant operations or weather events. **Call 1-877-843-7826 (toll-free) anytime to**

hear important alerts and notifications, or visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.thestan.com/"] **to register for notifications.**

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