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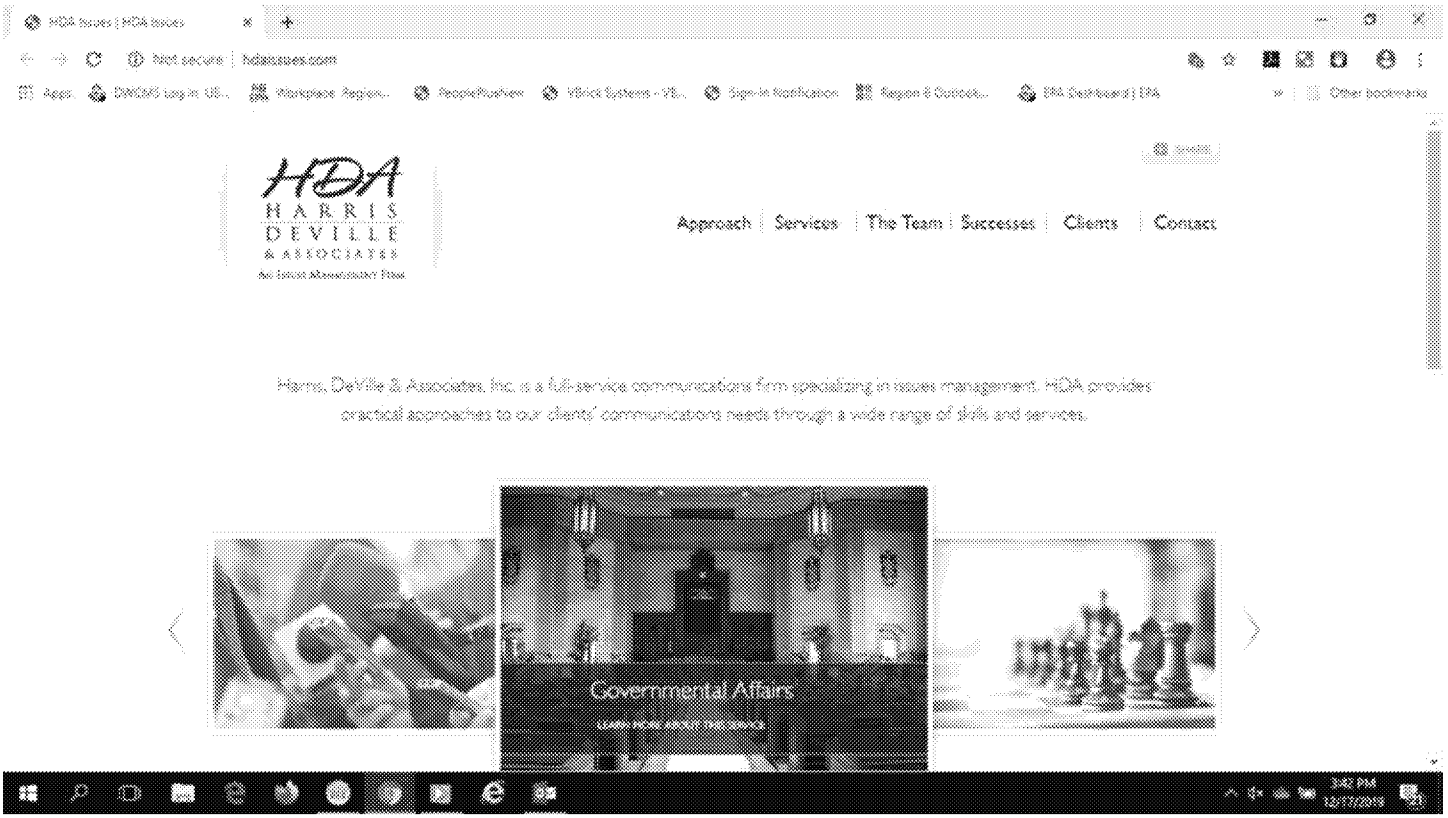
Sent: 12/17/2019 9:42:38 PM
To: Acevedo, Janie [Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov]; Adams, Adam [Adams.Adam@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: 12/6 - Texas Tribune Reporting on TPC

I will guess he was hired by someone in the UC??



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HQs responded to this inquiry – see attached.

Who is Payton Keith associated with?

Janie

From: Payton Keith <pkeith@hdaissues.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 3:04 PM
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Subject: 12/6 - Texas Tribune Reporting on TPC

All,

Kiah Collier of the Texas Tribune reported on TPC in the earlier days of the event. Ms. Collier updated her story on December 6, 2019, with the following:

> *At the time of the explosions, EPA's enforcement history website indicated the facility had been considered a high priority violator of federal clean air laws for more than two years. But on Dec. 6, nine days after the incident began, an agency spokesman said in a statement that its enforcement history website was incorrect and it was working with TCEQ to update it.*
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> *"EPA confirmed with TCEQ that they do not have any unaddressed Clean Air Act High Priority Violations involving the TPC facility," the statement said. "EPA is working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to correct this data issue."*

Unified Command and TPC continue to receive inquiries on enforcement actions, including specific questions on High Priority Violations. Can you confirm the statements provided to Texas Tribune? Would it be possible to see the statement provided?

Regards,

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