Message

From: Taylor, Kevin [Taylor.Kevin@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/18/2020 7:05:34 PM
To: janice.taylor@energytransfer.com
Subject: RE: FGT Brooker Facility Emergency Shutdown Discussion

Janice,
I just received the revised response letter and the language for the facility was adjusted as follows:

Our preliminary findings indicate that the release may have occurred from maintenance operations at a natural gas compressor station located in Brooker (Bradford County), Florida.

Since it does not have any of the technical details, I will go ahead and move this forward. Thank you so much for your help.

Sincere thanks,
Kevin

Sincerely,
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From: Taylor, Kevin
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:08 PM
To: janice.taylor@energytransfer.com
Subject: RE: FGT Brooker Facility Emergency Shutdown Discussion

Hello Janice,
As in our discussion earlier today, in response to an inquiry into what was described as an "unexplained" methane/natural gas release in May 2020, I would like to include in my response the following description of the event:

The Brooker natural gas compressor station is owned by the Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT), and operated by Energy Transfer Partners. On August 18, 2020, EPA contacted Ms. Janice Taylor, the Senior Environmental Engineer at Energy Transfer Partners. Ms. Taylor confirmed the release and stated that an onsite operator at the station detected a problem with a pressure release safety valve that was venting natural gas in the engine compressor room. The pressure relief safety valve could not be reset so an emergency shut down (ESD) of the compressor station facility was initiated to correct the problem. For the ESD, the operator had to disconnect from the pipeline and vent the remaining natural gas out of the compressor station system so the repair could be performed safely.

Please let me know if this is an accurate description that could be provided to the public. As I stated earlier, since this is a draft, this may or may not be included in the final response to the inquiry.

Thank you for your assistance and please let me know if you have any questions.

Kevin

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From: Taylor, Kevin
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:35 PM
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Subject: FGT Brooker Facility Emergency Shutdown Discussion

Hello again Janice Taylor,
I am just confirming our conversation today regarding the emergency shutdown that occurred back in May at the Florida Gas Transmission Brooker facility. Thank you again for providing me with background on the situation which led to the release of natural gas in order to perform work on a leak within the RICE engine compressor room. If you should have any questions, please contact me on the cellphone number I provided or using this email. Thank you again for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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