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Jeff,

Be thinking about questions 1 and 3 below and what kind of answer we should give.

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Heads up on questions provided for EPA for the 4/19 IWG meeting in Corpus Christi. Looks like we may need to provide insight on 1, 2 and 3. This all overlap with NEPA, Enforcement and Air Program responsibilities. Please start to consider these.

Environmental Protection Agency

1. Can EPA provide input on the excess health burden increasing coal exports would bring to Corpus Christi's fenceline neighborhoods and what, if any, steps such an expansion would have to take in terms of environmental permitting? Should such trade develop in Corpus Christi's port, will EPA push for extra control measures such as: cold-ironing at the new docking facilities, ensuring that all locomotives are of a later engine vintage or are at the least retrofitted to minimize diesel PM, any sort of extra dust/PM control measures for the coal piles and transferring processes (such as geodesic domes)?
2. What is EPA doing about the ongoing problems with petroleum coke dust blowing from piles at the port onto adjacent neighborhoods? This problem has existed for years, but has recently gotten worse.
3. Will EPA exercise its oversight role – as provided by the Clean Air Act – to ensure that the NEPA analysis of the Harbor Bridge fully considers the air quality impacts to ship channel neighborhoods?
4. What is EPA currently doing to address flaring and upset problems from the Javelina facility?
5. What is EPA doing to address the HF events at Citgo?

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Tom - just a heads up on the issues that may come up at the Interagency Workgroup Meeting in Corpus scheduled for April 19. The last attachment has the community questions for each agency, including EPA. Looks like several air issues. I am not sure how Regional input/involvement will be handled for this meeting.

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FYI. The list of issues that Kelly includes as one attachment has already been provided to HQs Office of Environmental Justice that is coordinating with counter part agencies in Washington DC as part of the planning for the EJ IWG meeting in Corpus on April 19, 2012. I just wanted you guys to be aware of the issues surfaced by CFEJ and others.

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Please find attached a list of questions for IWG agencies relating to ship channel EJ community issues. CFEJ circulated this for feedback and we will continue to do so. In this list we attempted to include those questions previously submitted by Suzie and Matt.

Our hope is that agency staff who have expertise in the areas addressed will attend the IWG. It would be helpful to have some national staff attend who might have a broader view and know how similar communities around the country have addressed some of these issues.

Also included are a few attachments: (1) a port power point that explains port expansion plans, (2) an OSHA complaint re. Citgo, and (3) a Chemical Safety Board initial report re. the recent Citgo HF event.

Please give me a call if you have any questions about the attached. And please let us know if you would like us to circulate this to the email list of agencies on the planning calls or whether you will take care of that. Thank you.

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