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EOC Spot Report: Region 5, Chemical Plant Explosion and Fire

ROCTON, IL

US Environmental Protection Agency
Report Date: 6/14/2021
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Overview: At approximately 7:00 AM CT on Monday, June 14, 2021, several fire departments from Illinois and Wisconsin were called to a 4-alarm fire at the Chemtool facility in Rockton, Illinois. Chemtool is a company that makes greases, additives, and other fluids including: industrial cleaners, corrosion inhibitors, and metalworking fluids. Immediately upon arrival, the Fire Chief implemented a mandatory evacuation of a one-mile radius surrounding the facility due to the presence of hazardous substances and oils within the building.

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: Several fire departments from Illinois and Wisconsin have responded to the 4-alarm fire. At approximately 9:00 AM CT, Illinois EPA requested assistance from US EPA due to the large scale of the fire and the proximity to residential areas. Illinois EPA has deployed two state OSCs to the fire.

EPA Actions: At the request of Illinois EPA, EPA Region 5 has deployed an OSC along with START contractors to provide air monitoring and sampling assistance. Expected arrival time of the EPA OSC and START contractors is approximately 12:00 PM CT. EPA Region 5 has requested Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC) modeling for the fire.

Media Interest: Medium

Media Links:
https://wrex.com/2021/06/14/4-alarm-fire-breaks-out-at-chemtool-manufacturing-plant-in-rockton/
https://www.wifr.com/2021/06/14/structure-fire-chemtool-rockton-early-monday-morning/
https://www.beloitdailynews.com/news/illinois-news/chemtool-fire-results-in-evacuations-of-residents-and-business-south-on-prairie-hill-rd/article_9ad92e6d-0826-57a3-b59b-eb82f32289aa.html
https://www.gazettextra.com/news/local/chemtool-fire-results-in-evacuations-in-rockton/article_a3b75144-35e6-513d-b739-ddc3a79d6aaa.html

The EPA will continue to monitor and provide updates as needed

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