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Sent: 1/13/2023 8:02:05 PM
To: Brent Bader [b.bader@lasalle-il.gov]
Subject: RE: Potential Press Release for LaSalle Carus Fire from local/state/federal responders

Here you go! Local, state and federal agencies and the facility have established Multi-Agency Coordination group to continue to provide updates and coordination on the cleanup.

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From: Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2023 2:01 PM
To: Linduska, Rachel <Linduska.Rachel@epa.gov>
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Rachel, I apologize but do you have that line you submitted in the chat? I failed to save it before closing.

Thanks,

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I'm free now as well.

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I know I spoke to Rachel right before I saw your email and she thought earlier was best as well. I'm free now until 2:30 p.m. Do we want to plan on 1:30 p.m., Rachel? Just to get a set time down?

Thank you,

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My apologies. I misread that. I'm open all afternoon, just let me know what works for everyone else. Thanks.

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Hi Kim,

Unfortunately, 2:30 p.m. is the one time I can't be available. I was hoping to discuss a little sooner just to get this out mid afternoon if possible. I know it's short notice!

Do you know what time you may have available before then, earliest time? Then we'll have Rachel confirm and I can call one of you then conference the other in.

Thank you!

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Hi Brent,

I'm happy to jump on a call. Rachel shared the release with me earlier today. I provided comments which she just sent. We can discuss at 2:30. Will you send a meeting notice?

Thanks.

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Hello all,

Tony had asked the IEPA be brought in regarding this release as well. Rachel and Kim, do you have time that works we can hop on a quick call to discuss this? The discussion around the release itself I would imagine would be brief and we

could briefly talk about the communication plan going forward. I am free at any point today with 10 minutes of notice and other than 2:30 p.m.

After that we can take Robert, Paul and Tony off the communication emails unless they want to remain cc'd.

Thanks,

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Hi Brent,

I'm the PIO for U.S. EPA, I spoke with Rob and Paul about a potential press release for tomorrow to provide the last update from unified command on the Carus fire. I started a draft, attached, that I assume the city will issue and post to your website. Thoughts? If you can give me a call, we can walk through this. I haven't sent a draft to other local, state or federal responding agencies – but I'd like to get their input and hopefully present this at tomorrow's 9 a.m. UC meeting. Since Carus is the potentially responsible party, they will need to issue their own press release about their cleanup and any other information they would like to provide. It's EPA's practice to not let them review but to provide a copy of the release before sending to the media.

Another housekeeping item, I noticed your website needs to be updated. When you make your changes, can you add the link to U.S. EPA's website with our data?: response.epa.gov/lasallechemicalfire

I'm available tonight or tomorrow morning to discuss, my cell number is in my signature below.

Thanks,
Rachel

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