Message

From: Brent Bader [b.bader@lasalle-il.gov]
Sent: 1/17/2023 9:46:49 PM
To: Ruesch, Paul [ruesch.paul@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Quick follow-up call
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Hi Paul,

Thanks again for the call. I have included the one statement from a local chemist.

I've also included other questions we have received or heard and my answers below, feel free to review:

What happens next?
The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency are directly working with Carus Chemical as they cleanup their property. Weekly meetings are occurring as of Thursday between the organizations and the company. The City of La Salle will also be present in those meetings for informational purposes.

What do I do about stains or damage to my property?
Carus Chemical has established a hotline and plan to address residents' needs as they arise. You can call 815-224-6662 for more information. Carus Chemical has partnered with local car cleaning and home cleaning services as well as vehicle detailing companies. As of Tuesday, the company has seen over 200 calls with roughly 47 vehicles cleaning and five homes having been pressure washed.

Are my animals safe?
The Department of Agriculture recommended washing your pet's paws and coat when they returned from outside in the days following the fire. Following the fire, pet owners were advised to look for any skin irritation, difficulty breathing, or vomiting/diarrhea. If the following symptoms arise, owners should contact their veterinarian for a follow-up.

Why are fire departments expected to dispose of the clothing or equipment due to exposure to this material, but cleaning is all that is required for me?
The amount of material in the environment and on the ground at the facility was much higher on scene at the Carus Chemical site where our first responders were operating. The fallout from the firefighting effort resulted in the material being at a far reduced amount compared to exposure at the site.

Was the City prepared for such an event?
The City of La Salle took the initiative to create a Disaster Maintenance Plan around a decade ago. The plan is not event-specific but is to be used as a general guide for City responsibilities and roles following a major disaster. It is updated and reviewed, generally, every couple of years following an election or when many new City staff members are appointed and are needed to be updates on the plan. This plan was last updated and reviewed in January 2021. This plan will also be updated in the coming months as part of our biannual review as well as to discuss how to improve our response.

Thanks,

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From: Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 2:35 PM
To: Ruesch, Paul <ruesch.paul@epa.gov>
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No worries, thanks for the update.

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From: Ruesch, Paul <ruesch.paul@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 2:34 PM
To: Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick follow-up call

Give me 30 min we're on with Joe MCNamara right now

From: Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 2:31 PM

To: Ruesch, Paul <ruesch.paul@epa.gov>; Kondreck, Robert <kondreck.robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Quick follow-up call

Just double checking if you'd be free. Not urgent, but was awaiting your call when you emailed back saying in a minute.

I understand if other things got in the way and it may be longer.

Thanks,

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From: Brent Bader
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 1:47 PM
To: Ruesch, Paul <ruesch.paul@epa.gov>; Kondreck, Robert <kondreck.robert@epa.gov>
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Cell if you could, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) thanks.

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From: Ruesch, Paul <ruesch.paul@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 1:45 PM
To: Kondreck, Robert <kondreck.robert@epa.gov>; Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick follow-up call

Yes I will call Brent here in a minute.

From: Kondreck, Robert <kondreck.robert@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 1:14 PM
To: Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov>
Cc: Ruesch, Paul <ruesch.paul@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Quick follow-up call

Hey Paul,
Could you handle this, we're about to take off here. Should land at 3:30ish.
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 17, 2023, at 1:09 PM, Brent Bader <b.bader@lasalle-il.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Paul and Robert,
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> We've had some follow-up questions from the public, and expect we will for some time. Would one or both of you be free for a quick conversation regarding some of what we've heard to see if we can address it in a Q & A of sorts on our website?
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> Additionally, we've received a FOIA request for all documents and correspondence relating to Carus Chemical. Some of the material you provided us would qualify, under my understanding. I plan to go through the material and make redactions as necessary but let me know if you want me to work with one of your FOIA officers as well.
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> Appreciated,
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