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Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - Chemical Spill near Delaware River Pennsylvania

Glad to help. I knew that a chemical company had to be in ECHO.

From: Armstrong, Joan <Armstrong.Joan@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 3:59 PM
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Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - Chemical Spill near Delaware River Pennsylvania

Great work Kurt!!! thanks so much for doing that "little digging". You found a gold mine of information that we are able to provide to the reporter and be more transparent.

Thanks again!

Joan

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Joan,

We couldn't find any facility in Bristol PA known as "Trinseo" in either ICIS or ECHO. However, Kurt did a little digging and find another facility named "Arkema" with same location address as Trinseo. We think this is the same facility. Here is a link to the ECHO pull: https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110000336191.

The has been quite a bit of compliance monitoring activity at this site in the past 5 years. Mostly on the air side. The state just completed a full compliance inspection at the site on 02/28/23.

Nothing for NPDES as it does not appear to have a NPDES permit.

For RCRA, the state has done 2 inspections in the past 5 years (i.e., on 06/22/18 and 09/15/21).

Regarding enforcement, no formal or informal enforcement at this site for the past 5 years.

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I am adding Mike Dunn and Arlin Galarza-Hernandez and Moshood.

Moshood, can you see if we have any inspection related information?

Terri what is the time deadline.

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Hi Aquanetta and Andy,

See media inquiry below. Not sure if both of you would be helpful in getting info in response to this inquiry. One question sounds like an EPCRA matter. Let me know. Thanks. – Terri

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Hello Beth,

My colleagues in EPA Region 3 will be able to help you. They are copied on the email.

Regards,

Cathy Milbourn

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Hello Cathy,

I am a reporter at The Epoch Times.

I would like to look any any inspection reports for the Trinseo PLC, chemical plant in Bristol, Pennsylvania, which spilled a "Latex emulsion product" into a creek feeding the Delaware River on Friday.

I want to see what chemicals they keep in their building.

I would like to know the specific names of the chemicals (I believe it is a mixture) that was spilled.

ECHO has a problem with Pennsylvania data so I can't find the company there.

Can you help me fill in any blanks?

Thanks,

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Beth Brelje

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