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Subject: Please Review SH Bell Write-up

Morning,

Last minute request to include SH Bell in this week's report. I pulled together a write-up from the press release/desk statement and past reports. Please take a look and let me know if you have any changes/comments by noon today.

Thank you!

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Region 5 Issues Notice of Violation to S.H. Bell for Clean Air Act Violations

Key Message: On August 7, Region 5 issued an NOV to S.H. Bell for excessive manganese emissions from the company's southeast Chicago facility.

Four months of air monitoring data from the facility for March 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017, show an average concentration of 0.32 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m3) of manganese. The minimal risk level for chronic inhalation exposure to manganese is 0.3 µg/m3. The company submitted the data to EPA on August 1. S.H. Bell was required to install the particulate monitors as the result of a December 5, 2016 Stipulated Settlement and Final Consent Order, which can be viewed here.

The region is working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the City of Chicago and community groups to notify them of the levels and coordinate a response. The monitoring data is publically available on EPA's website, which can be viewed here. The action has attracted press coverage, some of which can be viewed here.

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