From: Martin, Sherronda
To: "Stephanie Schmidt/FTEHSF"
Subject: RE: Information on recent fire at the Point Comfort facility
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013 12:41:00 PM
Attachments: Formosa Incident Questionnaire.docx

Afternoon Mrs. Mayfield,

I know we've communicated briefly on the May 2nd incident in question. I understand there is a current investigation being conducted and you may not have all the information. I have attached a questionnaire for you to review and answer to the best of your ability. If you could return this to me by May 20, 2013 or sooner that would be great. If you have any questions for me on the attached document please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

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From: Stephanie Schmidt/FTEHSF [mailto:StephanieSchmidt@ftpc.fpcusa.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2013 9:22 AM
To: Martin, Sherronda
Subject: RE: Information on recent fire at the Point Comfort facility

Good morning Mrs. Martin-Phelps,

We notified TCEQ verbally of the incident, but there was no STEERS report created because it was a non-reportable quantity release. At this time, a date of completion for the investigation has not been determined.
The last update we received was that all but two contractors have been released from the hospital. The two remaining in the hospital have asked for privacy. There is also one FPC-Texas employee still being treated in the hospital.

~Stephanie

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From: Martin, Sherronda [mailto:martin.sherronda@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 2:47 PM
To: Stephanie Schmidt/FTEHSF
Subject: RE: Information on recent fire at the Point Comfort facility

Afternoon Ms. Schmidt,

Was there a Steers Report or anything of that nature created from the incident? If so could I please get a copy of that information. I do understand that this could take some time to investigate, do you all have an estimated date of completion? Has there been an update on the personnel that were transported to area hospitals?

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From: Stephanie Schmidt/FTEHSF [mailto:StephanieSchmidt@ftpc.fpcusa.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 2:19 PM
To: Martin, Sherronda
Subject: FW: Information on recent fire at the Point Comfort facility

Good afternoon Mrs. Martin-Phelps,

My name is Stephanie Schmidt, and I am an Assistant Manager in the Environmental Department at Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas. Your email correspondence regarding the May 2nd incident was routed to me today.

To address your initial comments, the incident did occur on May 2, 2013. The equipment involved was an out-of-service column that was blinded from the rest of the unit. At this point, it appears that there was a catalyst reaction inside of the column, and not an ethylene leak as the ignition source. This incident is still under investigation by site personnel.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or need any other information.

Thank you,
Stephanie

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From: Paul Heurtevant/TX EHS
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 1:06 PM
To: Stephanie Schmidt/FTEHSF

Cc: Steve Marwitz/TXEHS; Darren Downs/FTEHSF; Ricky Pfuhl/FTEHSF
Subject: FW: Information on recent fire at the Point Comfort facility

Stephanie,

Please contact Mrs. Martin-Phelps to review.

Thanks

Paul

From: Steve Marwitz/TXEHS
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 12:08 PM
To: Paul Heurtevant/TX EHS
Cc: Steve Marwitz/TXEHS
Subject: FW: Information on recent fire at the Point Comfort facility

Paul;

You may already know about this. Who do you want on your staff to make the contact?

Steve Marwitz

From: Martin, Sherronda [mailto:martin.sherronda@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:48 AM
To: ddowns@ftpc.fpciusa.com; Ricky Pfuhl/FTEHSF; Steve Marwitz/TXEHS
Subject: FW: Information on recent fire at the Point Comfort facility

Good Morning,

I am contacting you in regards to the information noted in subject line. I am trying to get some follow up information on the recent incident that occurred at your facility. I initially contacted Ms. Nobles (see email message below), but I received a failed message error. If any one of you gentlemen could help me with this information I'd really appreciate it. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at the number listed below or via email whatever works for you. Thank you in advance and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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From: Martin, Sherronda
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 3:55 PM
To: 'DionneN@ftpc.fpcusa.com'
Subject: Information on recent fire at the Point Comfort facility

Afternoon Ms. Nobles,

I was wondering if you could provide me with information on the recent fire that occurred at your facility? May 2nd I believe where a supposed ethylene leak was the ignition source and 14 employees were injured. Even if you could direct me to the proper contact on this incident, that would be great as well. Please advise when possible.

Thank you very much…

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