Vicky Binetti of Region 3's Water Program reported that early this week, the Region and the WV Bureau for Public Health received a summary rationale from American Water Company. The summary rationale describes the Company's assessment that the distribution system flushing, combined with customer compliance with instructions for flushing household premises, should be effective in removing MCHM from the water system distribution system. In the context of providing technical assistance to the Bureau for Public Health as well as the water company, American Water had requested EPA's review. A team comprising scientists from ORD (National Homeland Security Research Center and National Risk Management Research Laboratory) and the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water's Water Security Division is currently reviewing the document and anticipates providing their evaluation to Region 3 in about a week.

OSC Melissa Linden reported that overnight operations focused on preparing for the rain storm and managing the increased volume of water expected on-site. Pumping operations continued through the night, including the interceptor trench, the oil/water separator loading area, and the water levels in the containment areas. The interceptor trench was pumped approximately once per hour during the day and evening yesterday. The facility moved the hose deeper into the interceptor trench late yesterday so the trench could be pumped less frequently.

The facility's meeting with the Charleston Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) was well received. The facility answered the WWTP's concerns and agreed to provide additional information.

The facility received WVDEP approval to begin shipping the wastewater from Poca Blending Facility to Waste Management DSI in Hurricane, WV. The first shipment of waste water will be sent to DSI on Monday, February 24, and, after solidification of the wastewater, testing will determine the constituents of leachate from the solidified material.