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It's been a whirlwind, as always during these types of events. Due to the speed of the river and lack of analytical capacity, we don't have a whole lot of data on the plume. Attached is a graph generated from one of ORSANCO's Organics Detection System monitoring sites located at Wv-Am water at Huntington, WV, Ohio River mile 304. This was the first drinking water facility on the Ohio River to see the chemical plume. They successfully treated with activated carbon.

The spill occurred on the Elk River approximately 3 miles upstream from the Kanawha. It traveled 58 miles down the Kanawha River to the Ohio, where it entered the Ohio at river mile 256 sometime on Sunday, 1/12.

The leading edge of the plume arrived at Meldahl Locks and Dam, Ohio River mile 436, at approximately 9:00pm last night. We anticipate it will take 24 hours for the bulk of the plume to pass. The river velocity for Cincinnati, which is just downstream from Meldahl, is 3.6 mph, which makes the "bulk" of this chemical plume roughly 86 miles long.

The chemical is very odiferous. It is estimated that the threshold odor level is very near the analytical detection level, which is somewhere around 5 ppb.

Let me know if you need anything else. We will be posting updates on our website.

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