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From: Bissonette, Eric
Sent: Fri 1/10/2014 3:44:52 AM
Subject: Fw: EOC Spot Report: Chemical Spill, Charleston WV

Just rec'd a phone call from our EOC watch officer about a large WV chem spill. He forwarded the Spot report on the spill. West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin has issued a state of emergency for nine counties after a chemical leak in Kanawha County Thursday morning.

The state of emergency includes West Virginia American Water customers in Kanawha, Cabell, Boone, Putnam, Lincoln, Logan, Clay, Roane and Jackson counties.

West Virginia American Water says Culloden water customers are the only ones affected by the water ban. No other Cabell County customers are affected.

West Virginia American Water says customers on Queen Shoals PSD, Lincoln PSD, City of Culloden PSD and Reamer Hill are also impacted by the advisory.

WVAW customers are told not to use tap water for drinking, cooking, washing, or bathing. You can use the water for toilets and fire emergencies. Boiling water will not get rid of the chemical.

This is believed to impact 100,000 customers.

From: Eoc, Epahq
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:40:09 PM
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Eric,

As we discussed here is the initial Spot Report generated for the developing situation in WV. We will include you in future Spot Reports as well. Please coordinate as appropriate so that your Office of Water colleagues are aware of this situation as they will very likely be involved in the EPA response first thing tomorrow morning. Thanks for your assistance.

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US Environmental Protection Agency

Report as of 2130 January 9, 2014

Overview: Today there was a chemical spill from the Freedom Industries plant (former Pennzoil Refinery). The spilled chemical was methylcyclohexane, which is reportedly used in coal preparation and processing. The spill went into the Elk River sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Governor of WV has declared a state of emergency for at least several counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort was put in place.

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team has been reported to be deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents.

EPA Actions: The WV EOC is operational. No request for EPA assistance has been made. An EPA OSC has contacted the WV DEP and offered EPA assistance.

Media Interest: High

http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/01/09/west-virginia-chemical-spill-gov-declares-emergency/

http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2014/01/09/22245996-west-virginia-chemical-spill-prompts-state-of-emergency-water-ban-in-8-counties

http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401090044

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provided updates as needed.

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