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**Subject:** RE: Response to Harvey

You can attribute this to Liz Bowman, Spokeswoman for EPA Administrator Pruitt. Administrator Pruitt has been in regular contact with Region 6 and commends the staff there, along with the many others across the Agency, who are part of this hurricane response effort for their leadership and preparation. Helping Region 6 to manage response efforts and focusing on safety of those affected are our highest priorities.

EPA has an organized emergency response program and is positioned to support FEMA, state, local and tribal partners. Headquarters' Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated and we are already deploying assess to support emergency response and aftermath flooding. The National Incident Management Assistance Team, consisting of highly skilled response personnel from across the Agency, has been activated and should arrive in Dallas by tomorrow.

The Agency is supporting the response effort in several ways:

- EPA is developing surface water sampling plans to address public health concerns regarding possible contaminants found in storm water. EPA will begin field sampling of flood waters as soon as conditions allow.
- EPA's drinking water and waste water staff are ready to deploy to offer technical assistance necessary to restore services as quickly as possible. These teams will visit drinking water and waste water facilities to determine functionality and provide technical assistance as needed. At the request of the State of Texas, EPA is deploying personnel to assist the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Drinking Water and Waste Water Phone Bank.
- EPA's Superfund Remedial Project Managers worked with site operators to secure the sites last week ahead of the storm. We continue to work with site operators to get status updates, conduct rapid damage assessments, and determine if additional emergency cleanup activities are necessary.
- The Agency will be working with TCEQ to determine where the Agency can best assist the state in contacting industrial sources along the Texas coast, most of which underwent organized shutdown of their operations in advance of the storm. EPA will initiate contact with sources located within the storm area to determine status and plans to resume operations, and we will closely monitor start-up activities. As rainfall continues, EPA is working with LDEQ to forecast any needs the states may have as a result of heavy rains and possible flooding.
- EPA continues to work with the states to provide fuel and refinery waivers to address any fuel supply issues.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** layla Korey [mailto:Ex. 6]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Response to Harvey

Hi,

Wondering if you can send a Media Pack of what you guys are doing in support and response to Hurricane Harvey.

Hope you're well.

Much Appreciated  
Layla Korey

Thank you.