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Subject: Gauging the extent of pollution from Harvey

Hi Alex,

Here is a copy of our update today regarding our activities. We are issuing information each day. As you would expect – there are lots of unanswered questions today that will be addressed over time.

EPA has an organized emergency response program and is positioned to support FEMA, state, local and tribal partners. EPA Headquarters' Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated and Administrator Pruitt is in regular contact with EPA staff across the Agency who are part of this hurricane response effort. Helping manage response efforts and focusing on the safety of those affected are our highest priorities.

As of today, EPA has activated the National Incident Management Team (N-IMAT) consisting of highly skilled response personnel from Regions 3, 4, and 5. The N-IMAT arrived in Dallas this morning to assist with response activities.

EPA has two On-Scene Coordinators co-located with FEMA in Denton and another at the State Operation Center in Austin to expedite federal and state coordination during the response.

EPA, TCEQ, Texas General Land Office (TGLO) and US Coast Guard are operating in Unified Command. The Unified Command will have seven teams in the field conducting reconnaissance.

Two National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund sites near Corpus Christi will be inspected today to assess impacts from the hurricane.

EPA continues to support TCEQ in contacting drinking water and waste water systems and will visit two systems based on information garnered.

In addition, EPA's aerial assessment aircraft will conduct aerial reconnaissance over the impacted area, as weather permits.

Best,
David

From: Durant, Jenna
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov>
Subject: HH2017COM0830 ACTION: RESPONSE - Vice News (Alex Lubben) [OPEN 8/30], Gauging the extent of pollution from Harvey

From: Alex Lubben [<mailto:> Ex. 6]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Durant, Jenna <Durant.Jenna@epa.gov>
Subject: Query from Vice News: Gauging the extent of pollution from Harvey

Hi Jennah,

I'm Alex Lubben, a reporter with Vice News. I'm working on a piece about pollution from refineries (and, depending on how the piece shapes up, perhaps superfund sites as well) in stormwater and air, caused by Hurricane Harvey.

How is EPA / TCEQ trying to take stock of the pollution caused by the storm? Are staff collecting water samples / testing air quality at this point, or are conditions still too dangerous?

Best,

Alex

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