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Public Information Officer Media Update
Fire Reported at ITC – Media Release Statement 19

For Immediate Release

LA PORTE, Texas; Saturday, March 23, 2019 – (UPDATE). This is a 10:00 a.m. update regarding the fire at Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) LLC in La Porte, Texas.

At approximately 12:15 p.m. on March 22, the secondary containment wall surrounding the western tank farm adjacent to tank 80-7 was breached, releasing foam and product into the ditch that runs East to West on Tidal Road. The breach was approximately 10 feet wide. While some of the liquid remained contained behind the barrier, some is known to have escaped. The root cause of the breach remains under investigation. The containment wall was secured at 4:00 a.m. on March 23.

Due to the breach, there was a release of product causing a localized elevation in volatile organic compounds (VOCs). In response, a shelter-in-place was recommended to our industrial neighbors and the areas adjacent to the Battleship Texas and the San Jacinto Monument State Park.

At approximately 3:45 p.m. on March 22, a fire reignited on tanks 80-2, 80-3 and 80-5. The fire spread to the liquid that had escaped through the containment wall into the adjacent ditch. Firefighters on scene responded immediately by placing foam on the fires, extinguishing the flames at approximately 4:45 p.m.

In collaboration with local officials and regulatory agencies, we continue to monitor VOC levels in the community. Current readings in the community are below action levels.

Independence Parkway, the San Jacinto Monument, the Battleship Texas State Parks, and the Lynchburg Ferry crossing are currently closed due to intermittent levels of volatile organic compounds.

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Following the containment wall breach, efforts to pump tank 80-7 were suspended. Responders are working to resume pumping operations as soon as possible.

No serious injuries have been reported because of the incident. We will continue to prioritize the safety of our surrounding community, our employees, and the environment. If you have any health concerns or symptoms you believe may be related to this incident, please contact a physician or the Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222).

A press briefing will be held at 1030 Ethyl Road today at 10:00 am. We will continue to provide additional updates as more information becomes available.

ITC's PIO Support Team at 832-780-6739 may be contacted for additional information. This phone number is currently staffed around the clock. We remain committed to providing updated information as it becomes available. The latest news releases and air quality monitoring information can be found at www.item.com/news.

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