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Office of the Regional Administrator

July 26, 2021

Bill Klutz, Environmental Manager
Evonik Corporation
4201 Road
Theodore, Alabama 36582
RE: Reserve, Louisiana facility
Bill.Klutz@evonik.com

Dear Mr. Klutz:

On March 31, 2020, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued a Management Alert (<https://www.epa.gov/office-inspector-general/report-management-alert-prompt-action-needed-inform-residents-living-near>) that identified an urgent need to educate and inform residents around these facilities about the health hazards of ethylene oxide (EtO) after the 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment was released. As EPA pursues its mission to protect human health and the environment, addressing risk related to EtO is a priority for the Agency. EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan has directed several EPA Regions to update information on emissions and risk in areas identified in the 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment. Administrator Regan has made it clear that EPA will lean forward and conduct community outreach to ensure all communities are informed, especially those that are underserved.

As one of the eight Texas and Louisiana chemical plants identified in the OIG Management Alert, the EPA has completed a facility/area specific technical assessment for your facility identified below.

Evonik Corporation (formerly Air Products Performance Mfg. Inc. – Reserve Plant)
474 W 19th Street
Reserve, Louisiana 70084

This letter is to notify you that we will be releasing the technical assessment and will soon announce a virtual community meeting to provide residents and public officials near the Evonik facility with information about EtO and its health effects, including community-specific risk information. Enclosed please find an advance copy of the technical assessment report. This information will be available and shared at the community meeting and will be made available on the EPA website later this week.

We are appreciative of your cooperation and activities to voluntarily reduce and/or more accurately report emissions of ethylene oxide from your facility. We continue to encourage actions to further reduce and control emissions of ethylene oxide from your facility.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2100 or Frances Verhalen at (214) 665-2172.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

David W. Gray
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Technical Assessment Report Evonik