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Update: Harris County Public Health’s Statement on ITC Chemical Plant Fire

HOUSTON — Harris County Public Health (HCPH) continues to work with its response partners at the local, state, and federal levels to monitor events related to the Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) plant fire incident on March 17, 2019. Our public health focus remains on the health and safety of the entire Harris County community.

Based on current health-related data from multiple sources, there is no longer an immediate health threat for the general public. However, monitoring for longer-term impact continues.

HCPH will continue to work with its healthcare partners as we transition back to our regular prevention activities. Any individuals who have health concerns should contact their health care provider or if more serious, call 911. If you do not have a healthcare provider, you can find a local health center near you at https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/, or you can call the Harris Health System’s ‘Ask My Nurse’ helpline – open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily – to help answer basic health questions. The number is (713) 634-1110.

For complaints of odor resulting from the ITC incident (as well as the KMCO chemical plant fire in Crosby on April 1) or for general water or solid waste pollution complaints, please call the Harris County Pollution Control Services Department at (713) 920-2831.

Public who would like to continue being informed on the incident can visit www.readyharris.org/deerpar and www.hcphtx.org. Residents can also stay up to date via social media: Twitter @ReadyHarris and Facebook ReadyHarris.

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