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## Public Information Officer Update

Fire Reported at ITC – Media Release Statement 5  
For Immediate Release

LA PORTE, Texas, March 18, 2019 – (UPDATE)

This is a 5:30 AM Update regarding the fire at the Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) LLC in La Porte, Texas:

The fire at the ITC Deer Park facility has spread to one additional tank adjacent to the tanks already involved in the fire, bringing the total of involved tanks to eight (8).

The chemical in the newly involved tank is TOLUENE, used in production of nail polish remover, glues and paint thinner.

The chemicals in the tanks previously involved are NAPHTHA and XYLENE, both components in gasoline, in gas blend stocks used in the production of finished gasoline, and base oil used for machine lubrication.

Emergency responders continue to work on controlling the fire using foam and are working to prevent the fire from spreading further. Although the risk of explosion is minimal, we continue to take precautions to further reduce this possibility.

Air monitoring continues and as of this update low levels of particulate matter have been detected. A single volatile organic compound detection has been found 6 miles southwest of the facility. These readings are currently well below hazardous levels. Out of an abundance of caution, City of Deer Park officials continue to urge residents to shelter in place. In other words, remain indoors. Close all doors and windows and turn off central heating and any air conditioning units. You may use electric space heaters to help keep warm.

Highway 225 continues to remain closed in both directions east of Beltway 8. Independence Parkway is also closed north of Highway 225.

All personnel are accounted for and there have been no injuries reported as a result of this incident.

ITC officials continue to work closely with first responders to contain the fire. The safety of the surrounding community, our employees, our first responders, and the environment remain our top priorities. We will provide additional updates as more information becomes available.

ITC is coordinating its response with representatives of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Coast Guard, Harris County and other Federal, State and local agencies.

Please contact PIO Support Team at 281.884.0220 at Intercontinental Terminals Company for additional information.

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