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Dear Citizen's of Galena Park:

This week's unprecedented flooding has created problems for some of the industrial facilities in and around Galena Park. Due to flooding, a large storage tank along Clinton Dr. overflowed, allowing crude oil to spill from the tank and into a designated containment pond. When this occurred, an unknown amount of crude oil bypassed the roof seal and is now floating on top of the tank roof. That has allowed the vapors into the atmosphere and they can now be smelled in the areas outside the fence. Winds may carry the odor into the neighborhoods west of Crown Street.

The facility assures us that the air quality is safe and the Galena Park Fire Department is monitoring the air at different locations to ensure their readings remain within safe levels. We have requested that Harris County Pollution Control monitor the air quality as well.

The situation is stable and the cleanup process has begun. The facility expects to complete the transfer of the crude oil from the roof, back into the tank Saturday. We will continue to monitor the situation and conditions. For updates check back here at www.gppd.us.

Respectfully,

Esmeralda Moya
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