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To: K. Delp, CEO Bridgeford Industries
From: Mary Valesquez, Assistant Director of Public Relations
Date: May 9, 2020
Subject: Incident Report: Leaking TDI Waste Tank Truck

I received notification of an incident that occurred while I was on vacation. I'm relaying the facts to you as I have them.

Between 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. on May 6th, the trailer of one of our tank trucks began leaking liquid waste as it was driving down Highway 43. The truck was travelling from the Bridgeford plant towards the Ulane plant, located 10 miles away.

The waste is a byproduct left over from our company's usage of Toluene Diisocyanate (TDI). We use TDI to produce urethane foam, and then we burn the waste byproduct to generate energy in the Ulane plant. I've been informed breathing this substance can be dangerous.

One of the valves was left partially open. The driver failed to follow safety procedures and neglected to check the valve before departure. The TDI byproduct leaked out on the highway. The driver only noticed when he arrived at the Ulane plant. The tank trucks hold about 6000 gallons, and there were about 4000 gallons left in the tank when it arrived at the plant. So, 1000-2000 gallons of TDI waste could have been lost along the way.

I have been informed incorrect waste disposal techniques are being used to clean the waste material. The TDI byproduct is currently being washed, with hoses, towards Salt Creek which feeds the farms between the Bridgeford plant and the Ulane plant. This means 1000 to 2000 gallons of waste material may eventually contaminate the farmland between the Bridgeford plant and the Ulane plant.

The driver who is responsible for this incident has been given a verbal admonishment from the Transportation Supervisor for his negligence. No other steps have been taken at this point.

Vincent Helms, the Transportation Supervisor who informed me of this situation has assured me he will submit the appropriate forms to the state's Department of Environmental Issues and the Department of Transportation regarding this matter.

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I'll have more information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact me at this email address: mvaesquez@bridgfordchem.com