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COMMUNITY UPDATE

FMC CORPORATION SHARES ACTION PLAN FOLLOWING BLACK SMOKE DISCHARGE FROM STACK AT CROCKETTS POINT MANUFACTURING FACILITY

Following the temporary mechanical malfunction of a boiler at FMC Corporation's Rockland, ME manufacturing facility on July 22, we would like to share the following actions taken to address the situation that occurred.

What happened? Our investigation found a failed relay switch, which runs the fuel oil flow meter feeding one of our boilers. (The facility's boilers are used to generate steam for production purposes.) This mechanical malfunction allowed more fuel to enter the boiler, causing non-converted fuel to turn into soot and flow from the site's stack. The switch has been replaced and tested to verify its highest working condition. In addition, the site team is continuing to investigate and expects to implement additional fuel management system improvements.

Action Steps:

- Provided proper notification to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) within the required time period and informed their representatives about the situation.
- Our team is in the process of implementing additional fuel management system improvements, including redundancies and logic controls that will prevent a recurrence.
- We have informed Mayor Larry Pritchett and the Community Advisory Panel members of the situation, our findings, and how we plan to address concerns and inconveniences.
- Our full investigation continues and implementation of improvements by the team are ongoing.
- We have contracted with Knight Marine Service to assist in cleaning affected vessels. Independently, individuals can wash residual soot off with a hose.
- Our team is working closely with everyone who called the site with questions and requests for assistance.

We would like to again state that there was no fire and the situation was never deemed unsafe by the DEP. The smoke, or soot, that occurred soon dispersed as a result of the breeze. Soot is "unburned" fuel, in this case oil, that is similar to a home oil furnace where the exhaust may have an emission of black smoke from the "unburned" fuel or hydrocarbon.

Safety is a core value at FMC. Our operators are trained to take swift and effective action to manage and communicate unexpected situations to mitigate impact. In this case, they took steps to quickly end the discharge. We will provide further updates to the community as needed.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation caused the community.

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