

BAYPORT CHANNEL COLLISION UNIFIED COMMAND

Preliminary Air Monitoring Summary

La Porte, TX May 10, 2019 Project #111608

1.0 Introduction

On May 10, 2019, the Bayport Channel Collision Unified Command requested that CTEH[®] conduct air monitoring after a barge collision in La Porte, Texas. CTEH[®] arrived on-site on May 10, 2019 and began air monitoring operations. CTEH[®] is currently conducting air monitoring in the surrounding community areas.

The present summary discusses real-time air monitoring data collected within community areas from May 10, 2019 17:37 to May 11, 2019 00:00. During this reporting period, CTEH[®] performed real-time air monitoring in community areas west of the incident site including Seabrook, La Porte, El Lago, Pasadena, Clear Lake Shores, League City, Texas City, and Bacliff.

2.0 Air Monitoring Methods

CTEH[®] developed and implemented a preliminary Community Air Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to document and quantify the release of fugitive emissions, if any, from the incident. All instrumentation was calibrated at least once per day or per manufacturer's recommendations. Target analytes were measured as listed in **Table 1**, below. Roaming air monitoring was performed in community areas with hand-held instruments. All hand-held air monitoring was conducted in the breathing zone.

3.0 Air Monitoring Results

Attachment A provides maps of hand-held air monitoring locations in the community during this reporting period. **Table 1** summarizes the results for community hand-held air monitoring.

Analyte	Instrument	# of Readings	# of Detections	Detection Range ¹
Benzene	Gastec #121L	3	0	<0.05 ppm
	UltraRAE	136	0	<0.025 ppm
%LEL	MultiRAE	99	0	<1 %
Toluene	Gastec #122L	1	0	<0.5 ppm
VOCs	MultiRAE	261	30	0.1 - 11.6 ppm
Xylene	Gastec Tube #123L	8	0	<1 ppm

Table 1: Community Hand-Held Real-Time Air Monitoring Results

¹Maximum detections preceded by the "<" symbol are considered non-detections below the limit of detection (LoD) value to the right.

Between May 10, 2019 17:37 to May 11, 2019 00:00, CTEH[®] performed air monitoring for benzene, %LEL, toluene, VOCs, and xylene. During this reporting period, CTEH[®] personnel observed 30 detectable concentrations of VOCs in the community, ranging from 0.1 – 11.6 ppm. Following detections of VOCs, benzene readings were taken at those locations to determine if further action was required. In total,



CTEH[®] personnel observed no detectable concentrations of benzene, %LEL, toluene, and xylene in the community during this reporting period.

4.0 Weather Conditions

Attachment B contains a wind rose depicting wind speed and direction for this reporting period. Data was acquired from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Seabrook Friendship Park meteorological station located on Park Drive approximately 4 miles west of the incident site.



Attachment A

CTEH Community Air Monitoring Locations



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*GPS Coordinates are Approximate

Attachment B

Meteorological Conditions



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