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Subject: RE: MPC/MPLX Request related to COVID-19 Response

Jackie,

Thank you for sending us the letter attached. At the State of Indiana, the health and safety of our communities and employees is our top priority. We provide an essential service that is critically important and much like many other States in the U.S. and across the globe, Indiana has established coronavirus preparedness plans. As the COVID-19 situation continues to rapidly evolve around the world, I want to update you on some of the decisions we at the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) made to ensure we are fulfilling our obligations to our employees while we continue our operational responsibilities for the citizens of Indiana.

We are closely following the recommendations from the Indiana State Department of Health as well as the Centers for Disease Control to guide the steps we are taking across the state. Here are some of the steps we are taking:

**Travel Directives** – the Governor has provided a clear travel directive. All official out-of-state and international travel will be limited for the next 45 days, effective March 12, 2020.

**Flexible Work Arrangements** -- Governor Eric Holcomb has encouraged state employees, including IDEM employees, to work from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, IDEM will continue to carry out its vital oversight functions and emergency response capabilities throughout the state in order to protect Hoosiers' health and the environment.

**Workplace Precautions** – The Governor is requiring staff to keep work stations clean, wash their hands frequently, disinfect common areas, practice social distancing at work and in the field, and leave work to seek prompt medical attention if they feel ill. This is in addition to the strong recommendation to work from home whenever possible.

**Proactive Communication** – IDEM managers are in regular communication with our staff as we continue to maintain our services during this rapidly evolving situation.

IDEM understands that regulated entities are rightly concerned about the health and well-being of their employees during this time, and many are having employees work from home or are restricting access to their facilities by visitors. IDEM shares these concerns. That is why IDEM inspectors who visit facilities will cooperate and fill out surveys or answer questions regarding their health. IDEM will cooperate with these kinds of efforts to protect the health of employees, both yours and ours.

IDEM will, however, continue its operational responsibilities during this time. IDEM will continue to issue permits. IDEM will continue to assess environmental conditions. These functions are important to

ensure the continued protection of public health and the environment. And, please understand that IDEM also has a responsibility to inspect facilities to protect public health and the environment. **IDEM** inspectors are authorized under IC 13-14-2-2 to enter public or private property to ensure compliance with Title 13 of the Indiana Code. The right to enter and inspect is mandated by statute and is not subject to preconditions of the property owner or manager. Additionally, the requirements of regulated entities to follow the terms in permits, to submit reports, conduct and report on sampling, and other activities have not been suspended.

IDEM is prepared to employ enforcement discretion in a common sense manner regarding your ability or inability to meet environmental requirements under specific circumstances. While your letter listed a wide range of activities that Marathon would seek to defer, we would encourage your staff at the facilities mentioned in your letter to contact our staff as those activities are scheduled to arise and explain extenuating circumstances. IDEM is certainly willing to work with your facilities as we move through this uncertain time. I am sure you understand the need to balance the protection of all of our employees from the Novel Coronavirus against the need to carry out our environmental responsibilities. We are happy to work through these issues with you as they arise. If you have concerns about access to your facility, or have any other questions, please contact us at (800) 451-6027.