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CONROE DRILL CHEM FIRE UPDATE

For Immediate Release
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Conroe, TX: The investigation into the origin and cause of the Drill Chem fire, occurring 8/14/2015, is ongoing. It has been determined that the fire originated in the southern end of the northernmost building. The fire has been ruled accidental in nature with the following as possible causes: electrical, gas-powered equipment, and spontaneous combustion caused by disposal of oily rags. The Conroe Fire Marshal's Office is working diligently to eliminate possibilities and determine the root cause. An update on the investigation will be sent when more is known.

As stated in the press conference this afternoon, Drill Chem officials are not yet ready to release the names of specific chemicals stored and used in the facility. This is in an attempt to guard company trade secrets. The Conroe Fire Department is aware of all chemicals stored and utilized by the facility and has absolutely no concern that the public's safety has been or will be compromised. Drill Chem officials have been extremely forthcoming in assisting with all investigative efforts.

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