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1 — Air monitors detect cancer-causing compound as environmental concerns grow in east Harris County, Houston Chronicle, 9/5/2017

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Air-monitors-detect-cancer-causing-compound-as-12175440.php>

Independent air monitors have detected a plume of cancer-causing benzene near homes and businesses outside a Valero Energy oil refinery in east Houston, raising concerns among environmentalists and city officials who say the compound is nearly twice the state limits for short-term exposure.

2 — Gov. Abbott: Superfund sites don't pose danger at this time, Houston Business Journal, 9/5/2017

<https://www.bizjournals.com/houston/news/2017/09/05/gov-abbott-superfund-sites-don-t-pose-danger-at.html>

EPA Superfund sites in Texas currently don't pose a danger to the public, despite flooding from Harvey, Gov. Greg Abbott said at a press conference Sept. 5.

3 — State, federal officials still checking toxic sites flooded by Harvey, San Antonio Express-News, 9/5/2017

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/State-federal-officials-still-checking-toxic-12174416.php>

Gov. Abbott said he has assurances from federal officials that none of the 11 affected Superfund sites still to be checked by the Environmental Protection Agency "pose any damage or danger to the public that is known at this time."

4 — Authorities warn of possible spill at Cinco Ranch wastewater treatment facility, Houston Chronicle, 9/6/2017

<http://www.chron.com/neighborhood/katy/news/article/Authorities-warn-of-possible-spill-at-Cinco-Ranch-12176317.php>

Authorities warned residents near Cinco South Wastewater Treatment Plant who have private wells that their drinking water might be contaminated after a possible spill at the plant.

5 — County officials help residents with water well samples, tetanus vaccines, Brazoria Facts, 9/5/2017

http://thefacts.com/news/article_af180156-bda6-583c-aebb-a2ff0b2c2caf.html

As efforts to rebuild have slowly begun in areas hit hard by Hurricane Harvey, officials continue to warn of lingering environmental hazards, including the health risks posed by receding floodwater.

6 — Lack of water service adds to woes of residents of flood-swollen Beaumont, Houston Chronicle, 9/5/2017

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/texas/article/Lack-of-water-service-adds-to-woes-of-residents-12175393.php>

Harvey's floodwaters had receded from many homes and streets here in Beaumont, but the going remained tough for residents.

7— EDITORIAL: In Crosby, the lessons of West go unheeded, Dallas Morning News, 9/5/17

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/editorials/2017/09/05/crosby-lessons-west-go-unheeded>

Texas' approach to chemical storage amounts to what you don't know can't hurt you. Unfortunately, this also amounts to trusting without verification, and that's never a good policy.

8 — OPINION: Don't Be Surprised by the Explosion Near Houston. We've Cut Corners on Chemical Safety for Years., Fortune, 9/5/17

<http://fortune.com/2017/09/05/houston-chemical-plant-fire-explosion-arkema-crosby/>

While we can't prevent natural disasters like Harvey from occurring, we can mitigate their consequences. Inherently unsafe facilities and operations can be redesigned, retrofitted, and ultimately replaced by manufacturing and storage facility changes that are safer.

9 — This Unique EPA Plane Is Monitoring Toxic Waste Dumps Around Houston, The Drive, 9/5/17

<http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/14088/this-unique-epa-plane-is-monitoring-toxic-waste-dumps-around-houston>

As part of its response, the EPA has deployed the unique Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology surveillance aircraft, which can spot chemical and radiological material from the air, to help assess the situation.

10— Hurricane Irma slams Caribbean islands as it heads toward Puerto Rico, CNN, 9/6/17

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/06/us/hurricane-irma-puerto-rico-florida/index.html>

Four of the strongest buildings on the Caribbean island of St. Martin have been destroyed by Hurricane Irma, French Interior Minister Gérard Collomb said at a news conference

Wednesday.