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Statement of Mississippi Phosphates Corporation
RE: OSHA Report

PASCAGOULA, MISS. – Mississippi Phosphates Corporation (MPC) today received a final report from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration regarding the two fatal accidents that occurred at its Pascagoula fertilizer facility on May 21 and June 1.

"Everyone at Mississippi Phosphates remains deeply saddened by the accidents at our Pascagoula facility earlier this year," said Richard Johnson, vice president of operations at MPC. "The Company is undertaking a comprehensive review of OSHA's report and will expeditiously address OSHA's recommendations for improving the safety of our workplace. MPC remains committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for its employees."

MPC has cooperated fully with OSHA, which conducted a broad, site-wide inspection over several months. Following the accidents, MPC voluntarily shut down its facility for more than two weeks, closely examining - and improving wherever possible - its safety and training procedures.

While the OSHA inspectors were on site, recommendations were made and MPC diligently addressed them in a timely manner. MPC has completed the vast majority of the items noted during the inspection and has a plan to complete them all.

"We are committed to continuously improving our safety and health programs to protect our employees and the surrounding community," Johnson said.

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