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Media Statement

The Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, Delphine BATHO, announced the end of the incident that occurred at Lubrizol facility on January 21st, which generated incommoding odors.

Pierre-Henry Maccioni, Prefect of Haute Normandie, Prefect of the Seine-Maritime has decided today to lift the Particular Intervention Plan (PPI) and the crisis unit.

The first week efforts focused on neutralization and removal for destruction of the malodorous substance. The second week was dedicated to the cleaning of the tank, and the last few days to the treatment of the bottom of the tank. The neutralization, removal and cleaning process was conducted under permanent control of the DREAL.

It is reminded that at no time the mercaptan emissions at the outlet of the chimney, reached levels susceptible to adversely affect health.

Lubrizol was gradually allowed to resume its activities, except for the unit involved in the incident. The company must provide a comprehensive report on the root causes of the incident, the mechanisms which led to the release of unpleasant odors, measurements collected during the incident and corrective measures aimed at preventing any recurrence of such event.

The prefect will lift the suspension of activity of this unit only after analysis of this report and validation of corrective actions by the DREAL.

As announced, the Prefect will meet the Departmental Council for the Environment and Health and Technological Risks (CODERST) on February 12th and then, the Local Information and Consultation Committee (CLIC) to present, in full transparency, the consequences to be drawn from this incident and discuss with communities, associations and local residents.

A Press Briefing will be held at 16h in the office of Prefect

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