# **EPA Air Monitoring Results**

In the area surrounding
Denka Performance Elastomer, LaPlace, Louisiana



## Levels of Chloroprene in the Air

- EPA is concerned about the levels of chloroprene in air around the Denka Performance Elastomers Facility in LaPlace
- EPA is working with the company, State and Parish officials to assess the levels of chloroprene in air
- EPA in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) implemented a six-month air monitoring plan



#### **Air Monitoring**

- EPA is monitoring for chloroprene in air by using a 6-liter stainless steel canister (Summa)
- EPA is collecting 24-hour air samples at six locations every three days
- Analytical detection limit for chloroprene is 0.04 μg/m³ (ND = Not Detected)





## Meteorological Information

- EPA is collecting:
  - Wind speed
  - Wind direction
  - Temperature
  - Barometric pressure
  - Relative humidity
  - Dew point





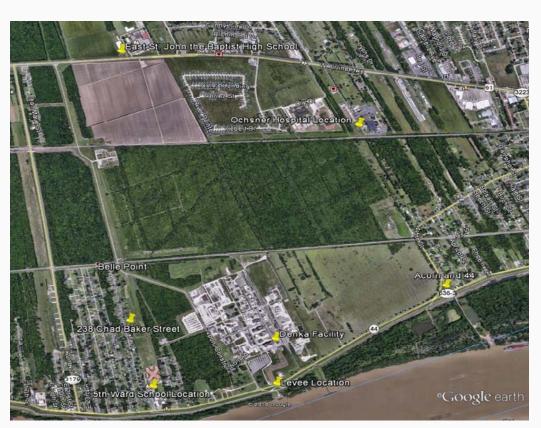
### Air Monitoring Screening Levels for Chloroprene

- Long-term Screening Level
  - 0.2 μg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Detection limit (0.04 µg/m³) allows for the comparison to the screening level





#### Six Air Monitoring Locations around Denka Facility



- East St. John HS
- Ochsner Hospital (River Parishes)
- Acorn & Highway 44
- Levee
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Elementary
- 238 Chad Baker



			East St. John			Fifth Ward	
			•	Acorn and Hwy		Elementary	238 Chad
DATE	Units	Hospital	High School	44	Levee	School	Baker
25-May-16	(µg/m³)	ND	0.831	1.291	ND	ND	ND
25-May-16 (collocated)	(µg/m³)				-	ND	
28-May-16	(µg/m³)		Invalid	Invalid	Invalid		
28-May-16 (collocated)	(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		Invalid		-		
31-May-16	(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	17.482	2.017	30.322	6.130	3.072	7.581
31-May-16 (collocated)	(µg/m³)				-		
2-Jun-16	$(\mu g/m^3)$	0.083	2.666	0.073	2.637	1.882	7.145
2-Jun-16 (collocated)	(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.047			-		
5-Jun-16	(µg/m³)	0.809	0.341	ND	20.493	4.969	11.099
5-Jun-16 (collocated)	(µg/m³)			ND			
9-Jun-16	(µg/m³)	4.679	1.251	0.624	4.933	3.409	5.477
9-Jun-16 (collocated)	(µg/m³)				4.715		
12-Jun-16	(µg/m³)	1.277	5.150	0.983	0.272	0.573	5.368
12-Jun-16 (collocated)	(µg/m³)		5.731				
15-Jun-16	(µg/m³)	10.809	1.070	0.225	0.366	1.745	1.211
15-Jun-16 (collocated)	(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		0.990				
18-Jun-16	(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.981	0.268	4.389	2.702	1.890	7.871
18-Jun-16 (collocated)	(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )			4.207			



## Air Monitoring Timeframe and Results

 EPA plans to continue air monitoring through November 2016

 We have made the air monitoring results available at: www.epa.gov/region6