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EQ Industrial Services – Apex, NC

Wayne, Mich., Monday, October 09, 2006 – EQIS would like to clear up the following misinformation that was reported: The facility did not store or otherwise manage chlorine gas at the facility and no chlorine was detected in any of the air monitoring samples taken. Also, there were reports of damage to businesses adjacent to the facility, including oil tanks that had exploded. Contrary to these reports, the fire did not spread to any neighboring facility. In fact, the fire was contained to only one building at the EQIS site. Other parts of the facility were not damaged.

The fire at the EQ Industrial Services – Apex, NC facility that began on the evening of Thursday, October 5th was extinguished by EQIS-contracted industrial firefighters on Friday, October 6th. Local authorities authorized displaced citizens to return to their homes on Saturday, October 7th. EQIS continues to fully cooperate with all local, state and federal agencies in the investigation process, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the North Carolina Department of Environment & Natural Resources (NCDENR) and the North Carolina Occupational Health & Safety Administration (NCOSHA).

EQIS would like to thank Mayor Keith Weatherly, City Manager Bruce Radford, the Apex Fire Department, the hazardous materials emergency response teams, the Apex Police Department and the collaborative efforts from the surrounding community fire and police departments for their leadership during this incident. The EQIS Emergency

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Response group and other experts hired by EQIS worked with this well-organized and professional team to mitigate the incident and get the people of Apex back into their homes. The entire cross-functional team was able to safely, quickly and efficiently respond to the incident.

In cooperation with third-party and government experts from the EPA, NCDENR and NCOSHA, the continuous air monitoring samples taken all around the facility and across the community were found to be below all health and safety standards.

EQIS is currently reviewing the list of phone calls that have been received to the EQIS toll free information line and will be in contact with these individuals to address their concerns.

A facility cleanup and recovery plan is being implemented. Materials on site will be properly processed and disposed. At this time the cause of the fire is still unknown. The investigation into the cause will continue.

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