



## A Letter to Our Community:

We apologize for any confusion or anxiety the incident last week at our WACKER-Charleston plant may have caused.

We know it was a stressful situation for our employees and our entire community. We would like to thank the almost 700 employees who live and work in the community for their dedication to WACKER. We are thankful for all those who helped during the incident, including the Bradley County Emergency Management Agency, Bradley County Fire Department, Cleveland City Fire Department, Tri-Community Fire Department, Athens Fire Department and all others who responded.

The collaboration and joint training between the WACKER Fire Department, WACKER team members and local agencies were critical to the successful response to the incident. This cooperation ensured the safety of our team members and our community.

The plant at WACKER-Charleston is safe and secure.

We have suspended production at our plant to focus on our investigation of the root cause of the incident and to make repairs for the safe resumption of operations. A tremendous amount of work is underway, but we will not restart production of polysilicon until we are certain of all the facts.

Last week's incident involved a hydrogen gas leak and explosion. We responded to alarms that indicated high hydrogen levels in the compressor room. We shut down the compressor and closed all valves supplying chemicals to the area. As soon as the explosion occurred, we ceased operations.

Our incident response team immediately contained the leak. For a period of time, as we investigate the incident, some residual material from the damaged piping will be removed under the safe care and control of the WACKER Fire Department. At no time did the chemical leak pose any harm or health concerns to the community.

The site and area air quality monitoring throughout the event confirmed health and environmental standards were met. We have engaged an independent third-party expert to determine more details about what happened last week.

We are confident WACKER-Charleston will get through this challenge. We have a special plant and team. It's an extraordinary group of people. They demonstrated this fact last week.

We care for our team members and our community. WACKER-Charleston will be stronger and better because of what we went through last week. This is our pledge to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Beth Hudson".

Mary Beth Hudson  
Site Manager WACKER-Charleston